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November 7, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Application for Retirement on Account of Total Disability and statement of personal physician in the case of Miss Mary McNamara, formerly an employee of the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

November 8, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to recommend increase in compensation, without change of classification, from $1260 per annum to $1440 per annum, in the case of Mr. Julius Stephan Kalapos, Junior Clerk-Typist on the Emergency Banking Roll in the Gold and Silver Unit of the Office of the Director of the Mint, effective as of date of oath, compensation to remain payable from the appropriation "Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936", and the appointment to remain effective for such period of time as his services may be required on such work, and funds are available therefor, but not to extend beyond June 30, 1936.

This request is submitted because since Mr. Kalapos came into the Mint Bureau he has assumed a considerable volume of clerical work entailing intelligence and trustworthiness which justify the increase requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The transfer of Mr. Lewis Tidball was approved on October 31, 1935, from the position of Auditor at $2300 per annum on the emergency roll of the Office of the Director of the Mint to the same position at the same salary on the emergency roll of the New Orleans Mint.

I have the honor to recommend that this transfer be cancelled and that instead Mr. Tidball be appointed for emergency work in the position of Executive Clerk in the Gold and Silver Unit of the New Orleans Mint, effective as of date of oath, with compensation at the rate of $2400 per annum, payable from the appropriation "Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936", for such period of time as his services may be required on such work, and funds are available therefor, but not to extend beyond June 30, 1936.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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November 13, 1935.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1935, is given below:

Silver dollars -	$547,080,802
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	319,911,066
Minor -	134,396,031
Total -	1,001,387,899

Yours respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 18, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Mr. William N. Cogswell for emergency work in the position of Messenger in the Gold and Silver Unit, Office of the Director of the Mint, effective as of date of oath, with compensation at the rate of $1200.00 per annum, payable from the appropriation "Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936", for such period of time as his services may be required on such work, and funds are available therefor, but not to extend beyond June 30, 1936.

This appointment is recommended to fill the position vacated by Isidore Jack Legum, who resigned on September 16, 1935.

Respectfully,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Inclosure.

Director of the Mint.

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November 25, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to recommend the temporary appointment of Mr. Charles M. Cortelyou for a period not to exceed ninety days, effective from date of oath, to the position of Skilled Laborer at $5.00 per diem on the regular roll of the New York Assay Office.

Telegram from the Second U. S. Civil Service District, New York City, approving this appointment, is attached. Formal approval of the Second Civil Service District will be transmitted to the Division of Appointments immediately upon receipt in this office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Transfer of Mr. Wayne S. Gale from the position of Helper at $5.00 per diem on the emergency roll of the Denver Mint to the same position on the regular roll of that institution, for a period of ninety days, was approved on October 30, 1935, to be effective November 1, 1935.

As Mr. Gale was discharged without prejudice, for reduction of force, effective at the close of business October 31, 1935, without having entered on duty under the regular roll appointment, I have the honor to recommend that such appointment be cancelled.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to recommend that bond in the amount of $4000.00 be prepared for execution by Mr. Lewis Tidball who took oath of office as Executive Clerk on the emergency roll of the New Orleans Mint November 16, 1935.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1935.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 26th, relative to the Mint Exhibit at the California-Pacific International Exposition.

It is estimated that the cost of dismantling and repacking, which includes labor, lumber, etc., will amount to approximately $125.00 and the cost of transportation of medals, specimens, cases, etc., to the Mint at Philadelphia and the reconditioning of such Exhibit and the return of part of it to the Treasury Department at Washington, will amount to $250.00.

These are the only expenses attendant upon the withdrawal of the Mint Exhibit.

Very truly yours,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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November 27, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 20th, stating that you had received by radio from the Secretary of the Treasury of Liberia, an inquiry in regard to the minting of certain coins for the Government of Liberia. This coinage could be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia at the following rates:

Number of Pieces	Denomination	Copper	Zinc	Tin	Cost per M
1,000,000	½ cent	95000.00	4000.00	1000.00	$ 2.60
2,000,000	1 cent	323356.25	13615.00	3403.75	3.80
1,000,000	2 cent	256559.38	10802.50	2700.62	5.20
		674915.63	28417.50	7104.37	
Avoirdupois pounds		46,279.9289	1,948.6286	487.1568	

Tolerance required will be .320 grams per piece.
Cost includes working dies, but metal, master dies and shipping boxes will be extra.

If new master dies and hubs are required for these coins, they can be made at the Mint in Philadelphia from sculptured models at a cost of $300.00 per pair for each denomination.

The specimen coins being sent by mail from Liberia have not yet reached this Department. The estimate submitted is based upon the impression that the coins will be similar in composition to the bronze coins of the United States, which is 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 29, 1935.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your circular letter of November 25th, relative to "Report to be made to Congress". This Bureau does not make a report directly to Congress about any of its activities.

Very truly yours,

M. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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December 2, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to recommend that new bond be prepared for execution by Mr. Paul Eugene Springer, Cashier of the San Francisco Mint, in the amount of $20,000. Reduction of this bond from the present penalty of $30,000 is recommended because Mr. Springer will be required to furnish bond in the amount of $10,000 as agent cashier of the Disbursing Office of the Treasury Department to cover his duties in connection with the payroll. These duties were previously covered by his present bond of $30,000.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to recommend that new bond be prepared for execution by Mr. Isaac Junior Coontz, Assistant Cashier of the San Francisco Mint, in the amount of $3,000.

It is understood that Mr. Coontz will be required to furnish bond in the amount of $2,000 to cover his duties as alternate agent cashier of the Disbursing Office of the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1935.--

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to recommend that new bond be prepared for execution by George McCann, Cashier of the Philadelphia Mint, in the amount of $20,000.

Increase in Mr. McCann's bond from the present penalty of $10,000 is recommended with the understanding that the Disbursing Office of the Treasury Department will recommend a reduction in his bond as agent cashier of that office from $20,000 to $10,000 in order to bring about a more equitable distribution of responsibility.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 30, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 21st, and your letter of November 29th, relative to dies to be manufactured for the Chinese Government at the Mint in Philadelphia. The cost of preparing these dies will be as follows:

100 pairs each of half, one, five, ten and twenty cent Chinese coinage dies.....
$10.00 per pair, plus express charges.

The check for $5,500.00, made payable to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, has been forwarded to Philadelphia and the Superintendent of that institution has been requested to proceed with the manufacture of the dies as promptly as possible.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 4, 1935.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period November 16 to 30, 1935, were $33,787, all for personnel.

M. M. O'Reilly

H-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit herewith recommendation of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for appointment of 47 persons (list beginning with name of Frank Artese) as Rollers at $5.00 per diem on the regular roll of that institution for periods not to exceed ninety days.

Civil Service approval of these appointments has not yet been received. However, in view of urgent need of the services of these men, it is recommended that the appointments be approved at this time, the approval to be contingent upon later receipt of Civil Service authority. Civil Service authority will be transmitted to the Division of Appointments immediately upon receipt in this office.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 4, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit herewith recommendation of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for appointment of 10 persons (list beginning with name of Mary V. Pyle) as Sewing Women at $4.00 per diem on the regular roll of that institution for periods not to exceed ninety days.

Civil Service approval of these appointments has not yet been received. However, in view of urgent need of the services of these women, it is recommended that the appointments be approved at this time, the approval to be contingent upon later receipt of Civil Service authority. Civil Service authority will be transmitted to the Division of Appointments immediately upon receipt in this office.

Respectfully,

M. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 4, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit herewith recommendation of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for appointment of 27 persons (list beginning with name of Philip M. Berardi) as Melters at $5.00 per diem on the regular roll of that institution for periods not to exceed ninety days.

Civil Service approval of these appointments has not yet been received. However, in view of urgent need of the services of these men, it is recommended that the appointments be approved at this time, the approval to be contingent upon later receipt of Civil Service authority. Civil Service authority will be transmitted to the Division of Appointments immediately upon receipt in this office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 4, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit herewith recommendation of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for appointment of C. Orland Steers, Russell B. Leach, and Joseph Hughes as Unskilled Laborers at $4.00 per diem on the regular roll of that institution for periods not to exceed ninety days.

Civil Service approval of these appointments has not yet been received. However, in view of urgent need of the services of these men, it is recommended that the appointments be approved at this time, the approval to be contingent upon later receipt of Civil Service authority. Civil Service authority will be transmitted to the Division of Appointments immediately upon receipt in this office.

Respectfully,

F. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 4, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit herewith recommendation of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for appointment of 19 persons (list beginning with name of Diego Catada Las Pinas) as Helpers at $5.00 per diem on the regular roll of that institution for periods not to exceed ninety days.

Civil Service approval of these appointments has not yet been received. However, in view of urgent need of the services of these men, it is recommended that the appointments be approved at this time, the approval to be contingent upon later receipt of Civil Service authority. Civil Service authority will be transmitted to the Division of Appointments immediately upon receipt in this office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1935.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1935, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 547,080,802
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	321,847,061
Minor -	134,854,679
Total -	1,003,782,542

Yours respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly,

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Will you please request the Civil Service Commission to hold competitive examinations for Junior Assayer in the United States Mint and Assay Service in the New Orleans and Seattle districts.

Examinations are now contemplated in the New York, Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco districts and the inclusion of the New Orleans and Seattle districts will serve to establish an eligible register for these offices.

It is requested that all these examinations be held on the same date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Q/eh

APPROVED 12-6-35
By direction of the Secretary:

H W Robertson Jr

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 9, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Retirement Record Card covering services and deductions of Zeno Clifford Rechel was forwarded by this office to the Division of Appointments in September of this year in response to Request for Service Record received from the Agriculture Department. This is to advise that fiscal year deductions for the year 1935 were $33.60 instead of $36.60 as shown on the card. Tontine and net deductions are correct as they now appear.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Retirement Record Card furnished by the Alcohol Tax Unit in the case of Norman P. Webster indicates he was given probational appointment as Storekeeper-Gauger in the Internal Revenue Service, First Distr: of California, on September 15, 1910, and was separ: for transfer on December 10, 1913. Periods of unas: ment are indicated for each year, including 10 mont and 4 days for the calendar year 1911.

Mr. Webster was appointed a Watchman in the Sa Francisco Mint on October 18, 1910, and was furloug from this position April 5, 1911. He reentered the Mint service on December 11, 1913.

In view of the above facts it will be necessar that this office be advised as to what portion of t 10 months and 4 days of unassignment in the calenda year 1911 occurred between January 1 and April 5 of that year, in order that Mr. Webster's service cred may be computed.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Min

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December 12, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On August 27, 1935, the promotion of Mr. T. W. Schrock was approved, as Helper on the regular roll of the Denver Mint, from $5.00 to $5.55 per diem, effective as of August 16, 1935.

As this promotion was made effective by the Denver Mint as of September 1, 1935, I have the honor to recommend that the promotion be amended on the records of the Department accordingly.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1935.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1935, is given below:

Silver dollars -	$547,080,802
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	321,888,216
Minor -	134,854,679
Total -	1,003,823,697

Yours respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 20, 1935.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period December 1 to 15, 1935, were $43,398, all for personnel.

M. M. O'Reilly
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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December 20, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the temporary appointment of Mr. Robert Pellegrini for a period not to exceed ninety days, effective as of date of oath, as Skilled Laborer at $5.00 per diem, on the regular roll of the New York Assay Office.

Telegram from the Second U. S. Civil Service District, authorizing this appointment, is attached. Formal Civil Service approval will be forwarded to the Division of Appointments immediately upon receipt.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

December 23, 1935.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 17th, relative to the number of copies of travel regulations which will be required by this Bureau.

May I request that twenty-five (25) copies be allotted to this Office.

Very truly yours,

M. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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December 23, 1935.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Obligations of mint field service for personal services under the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936:

July November, 1935	- actual - - - - - -	$541,725
December "	- estimated - - - -	89,000
Total July - December, 1935	-	630,725

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of May 2, 1935.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Fine Arts Commission.

Respectfully,

N. T. Roseberry

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

J. L. Cohen

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 24, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to recommend that request be made of the Civil Service Commission to examine Miss Frances C. White, selector at $4.60 per diem in the San Francisco Mint, to determine her fitness for transfer to a clerical position in that institution.

Miss White will reach the retirement age of the position of Selector (65 years) in January 1936. She has been temporarily assigned to clerical duties and has performed those duties in a most satisfactory manner. Her continued services in a clerical capacity would be of value to the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

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December 27, 1935.

Hon. Clarence Cannon,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cannon:

I have your letter of December 21st, inclosing a communication received by you from Mr. Howard J. Rhodus, who is interested in procuring an issue of a memorial coin for the town of Mexico, Missouri, to be issued in connection with their Century of Progress celebration.

As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be required before a commemorative coin could be issued. The Department does not initiate such legislation and is opposed to the issue of special coins for the following reasons: The policy of issuing special coins opens the way to counterfeiting and makes the protection of the integrity of our coinage exceedingly difficult. The issue of such coins is not in the interest of the general public and usually satisfies a very limited demand. The practice introduces confusion into our system of coinage, is an unnecessary expense, and as actual results have shown, special coins are not liked by the public. Recent issues of special coins have been, almost without exception, entire failures as a source of profit to the organization bringing about the legislation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 27, 1935.

Hon. Royal S. Copeland,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of December 17th, expressing your interest in the desire of the Westchester Coin Club to have a fifty-cent coin minted commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding and settlement of New Rochelle, New York.

As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be required before a commemorative coin could be issued. The Department does not initiate such legislation and is opposed to the issue of special coins for the following reasons: The policy of issuing special coins opens the way to counterfeiting and makes the protection of the integrity of our coinage exceedingly difficult. The issue of such coins is not in the interest of the general public and usually satisfies a very limited demand. The practice introduces confusion into our system of coinage, is an unnecessary expense, and as actual results have shown, special coins are not liked by the public. Recent issues of special coins have been, almost without exception, entire failures as a source of profit to the organization bringing about the legislation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

December 23, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Through

Chief,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Department.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 17th, relative to Department Circular #369, pertaining to advances under the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, approved June 3, 1926.

It is requested that the following named officials be authorized to approve applications for advances of one thousand dollars or less under the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926:

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross,
Director of the Mint.

Miss M. M. O'Reilly,
Assistent Director of the Mint.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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December 30, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the transfer of Mrs. Margaret M. Morgan, Assistant Clerk-Stenographer, CAF-3, $1,680 per annum, Office of the Chief Clerk, Treasury Department, to the position of Senior Clerk-Stenographer, CAF-5, with compensation at the rate of $2,000 per annum in the Office of the Director of the Mint, effective January 2, 1936.

This transfer is recommended to replace Mr. C. D. Miller who will be separated by transfer to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at the close of business January 1, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

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December 27, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 24th, inclosing a check for sixteen thousand five hundred dollars ($16,500.00) to cover the necessary charges in the manufacture and shipment of dies for the Chinese Government.

The check has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to proceed with the manufacture of the following coins as promptly as possible:

800 pairs of five cent dies,
200 " " ten cent dies,
100 " " twenty cent dies,
200 " each of one cent and half cent dies.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 3, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Charles S. Kulp, Roller at $6.56 per diem, Regular Roll, Philadelphia Mint, be retired from the service on account of age at the close of business December 31, 1935.

Mr. Kulp reached the age of sixty-five on December 3, 1935 and has served for more than eighteen years, which makes retirement compulsory at the end of December.

Very truly yours,

M M Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Charles A. Carickhoff, Helper, at $5.00 per diem, in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be retired from the service on account of age at the close of business December 31, 1935.

Mr. Carickhoff reached the age of sixty-five on December 15, 1935 and has served for more than twenty-two years which makes retirement compulsory at the end of December.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Reely

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the transfer of Mr. Percy L. Myers from the position of Clerk in the Office of the District Engineer at Portland, Oregon, to the newly created position of Assistant Chief Clerk, approved by the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary on January 7, 1936, at $1800 per annum, on the regular roll of the Seattle Assay Office, effective as of date of oath.

As Mr. Myers' probational appointment in the District Engineer's Office was effective July 8, 1935, he is eligible for transfer on or after January 8, 1936.

Mr. Myers was employed as a Clerk at $1620 per annum on the Emergency Roll of the Seattle Assay Office from August 1, 1934 to July 7, 1935, during which time his services were very satisfactory and he gained experience and training which makes him well qualified for the position of Assistant Chief Clerk. The present Chief Clerk will retire February 28, 1937, and it is important that someone should be in training for his position.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the resignation of Mr. C. D. Miller, Sr. Clerk-Stenographer, CAF-5, at $2000 per annum, Office of the Director of the Mint, which I recommend be accepted without prejudice for the reason that he has been transferred to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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January 11, 1936.

Hon. Sao-Ke Alfred Sze,
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary,
Chinese Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

In compliance with your request, I take pleasure in submitting cards showing in relief the reverse design of the Chinese half dollar and the Chinese quarter dollar, which were requested by you in order that the Mint might be instructed as to changes to be made in the characters for the current year.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Inclosure.

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January 13, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 8th, inclosing a copy of a note from the Legation of El Salvador, requesting the coinage of two and one-half million coins of one centavo each, to be made of an alloy of nickel and copper. The coins desired by the Government of El Salvador can be made at the Mint in Philadelphia. I submit an estimate of the cost of this coinage and the metal required:

"No. of

Pieces	Denomination	Avoirdupois Lbs. Copper	Nickel	Cost per M
2,500,000	1 centavo	10,333.9282	3,444.6432	$5.00

Cost includes working dies but master dies, metal and shipping boxes will be extra.

The Mint at Philadelphia struck similar pieces in 1928 and the dies are now on hand at that Mint. The only change necessary would be in the date and the cost of making such change in the dies would be $25.00.".

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 17, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The following members of the staff of this Bureau, who are part of the organization of the Gold and Silver Unit, located in the District National Bank Building, are required to enter and leave this building on official business at other than usual hours. Will you please issue unlimited passes to them.

Byron S. Huie, Jr.,
DeForest Sessions,
Miss Elizabeth D. Hines,
Charles J. Bunnell,
William Cogswell,
Jack Kalapos.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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January 17, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period January 1 to 16, 1936, were $34,529, all for personnel.

F-S

D M O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of the Bureau for the month ended December 31, 1935, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C'R/eh

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January 17, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

N. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/ch

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January 18, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1935, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,020,502
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	327,747,228
Minor -	136,199,959
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,010,967,689

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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January 18, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith "Application for Annuity", together with Form 2806, in the case of Charles S. Kulp, Bureau of the Mint regular roll, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, whose retirement has been recommended as at the close of business December 31, 1935.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures (2)

MDM

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January 18, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith "Application for Annuity", together with Form 2806, in the case of Charles A. Carickhoff, Bureau of the Mint regular roll, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, whose retirement has been recommended as at the close of business December 31, 1935.

Very truly yours,

W. D. Riley

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures (2)

MDM

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January 21, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the following-named temporary and regular guards employed in the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, be reallocated and appointed guards at $1,680 per annum, the minimum salary rate of Custodial Grade 6, in lieu of letters of January 13, 1936, approved January 18, 1936, recommending compensation increases for these guards:

Regular:

Batchelor, Harry S.,	Guard,	$1,620
Eaton, Willard K.,	"	"
Ellsworth, Estel E.,	"	"
McKillop, Charles W.	"	"
Seals, Benjamin H.	"	"
Stuckey, Walter H.	"	"

Temporary:

Arnold, Dean H.,	"	"	Carroll, Thomas J.,	Guard,	$1,620
Tewksbury, Freeman H.	"	"	Cronin, Shirley F.	"	"
Wadsworth, Shirley S.	"	"	Galvin, Leo P.	"	"
Whitworth, Lamar V.	"	"	Graham, Roscoe A.	"	"
Widmer, Edward W.	"	"	Griffin, Edgar	"	"
Woodard, Lawrence H.	"	"	Kelleher, Jerome M.	"	"
Baylard, Floyd W.	"	"	Kelly, Thomas P.	"	"
Beard, Eli D.	"	"	Killin, Valmi G.	"	"
Bonnell, Clifford	"	"	Knapp, Elmer O.	"	"
Burgener, Robert E.	"	"	Morris, Charles L.	"	"
Carlson, Jack	"	"	Morrison, Marks S.	"	"
Myers, William E.	"	"	Rutledge, Harold L.	"	"
Sanders, Louis D.	"	"	Speck, Roy	"	"
Tebeau, Robert E.	"	"			

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Recommendation for the promotion of George H. Knutzen, included in the first list, is hereby requested to be cancelled inasmuch as Mr. Knutzen resigned at the close of business January 17, 1936.

It is further recommended that these reallocations be made effective date of oath.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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January 21, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Mrs. Zilpah M. Anderson for emergency work, effective date of oath, as an Assistant Clerk in the Office of the Director of the Mint, with compensation at the rate of $1,620 per annum, payable from the appropriation, "Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936", for such period of time as her services may be required on such work and funds are available therefor, but not to extend beyond June 30, 1936.

This appointment is recommended to fill the vacancy to be created by the transfer of Miss Marcella A. Unger to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Formal application executed by Mrs. Anderson is attached.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

MDM

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January 21, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 18th, inclosing a note dated January 14, 1936, from the Chinese Ambassador, in regard to the desire of the Chinese Ministry of Finance to have made at the Mint in Philadelphia certain dies for Chinese coins.

The inclosures contained with your letter have been forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of that Mint has been instructed to proceed with the preparation of the dies.

The sheets indicating "Corrected Chinese Characters for Half Dollar Die" and "Corrected Chinese Characters for Twenty-five Cent Die" have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for his guidance.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit under separate cover a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that they be transmitted to representatives of the United States accredited to the foreign Governments indicated on the face of the interrogatories. Copies of comparative tables, compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years, are also being forwarded with the current interrogatories, with the suggestion that they be distributed by United States representatives where they may stimulate interest in answers which will provide information for making future similar tables as complete as possible.

The information elicited by these interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who for many years has collected and published statistics relating to the subjects specified.

With a view to increasing the usefulness of the interrogatories it is suggested that the Department of State, in its letter of conveyal include the following specific comments:

1. Where actual statistics are not available, estimates or opinions of experts are very urgently desired. Any such figures included in the report should, of course, be clearly designated as estimated.

2. Where not even estimates or authoritative opinions can be obtained a definite statement to this effect is desired.

3. In view of the importance of the information to the Treasury and to the public, it is desired that in filling out the questionnaire the greatest care be exercised and every effort made to make the information as complete as possible.

It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the represent-

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atives to whom these inquiries are addressed: Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureaus; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and technical experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that inquiries have, at times, been dropped because the information could not be obtained from one source, when it might have been obtained from other sources.

It will greatly facilitate the compiling of statistics if the United States representatives follow up their inquiries, thus contributing to expedite matters, and forward answers directly to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., so as to reach him by October first. Data received after that date are too late for publication during the current year.

The co-operation of the State Department and its representatives abroad will be highly appreciated by the Director of the Mint.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 24, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

With reference to the information requested in the letter dated January 20, 1936, from the Honorable Millard Caldwell concerning the number of non-Civil Service employees appointed from his Congressional District in Florida, the following answers are submitted:

1. The aggregate number, including officials, of non-Civil Service employees appointed in the Bureau of the Mint - 46.

2. The number of such employees appointed from the State of Florida - None.

3. The number of such employees appointed from the Third Congressional District of Florida - None.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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January 28, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that a request be made on the U. S. Civil Service Commission to examine Mr. William Quentin, Helper at $6.00 per diem in the U. S. Assay Office in New York City, to determine his fitness for appointment to the position of Storekeeper in that office.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

MCM

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January 29, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Mr. Russell Rowell for emergency work in the position of Auditor in the Gold and Silver Unit, Office of the Director of the Mint, effective date of oath, with compensation at the rate of $2300 per annum, payable from the appropriation, "Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936", for such period of time as his services may be required on such work, and funds are available therefor, but not to extend beyond June 30, 1936.

Mr. Rowell was recommended for this position in October, 1935. He declined appointment, however, upon the receipt of an offer of a promotion in his present position. This recommendation was accordingly cancelled.

Application for position, executed by Mr. Rowell is attached.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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January 29, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Sigmund Solomon, Superintendent at $5600 per annum in the U. S. Assay Office in New York City, be promoted to Superintendent at $6000 per annum, effective February 1, 1936.

Mr. Solomon was appointed Superintendent on January 1, 1935. Since his appointment he has proved to be highly satisfactory, serving in the capacity of Superintendent in a most effecient manner.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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January 29, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Edwin H. Dressel, Superintendent at $5600 per annum in the United States Mint in Philadelphia, be promoted to Superintendent at $6000 per annum, effective February 1, 1936.

Mr. Dressel was appointed Superintendent on April 8, 1935. Since his appointment he has proved to be highly satisfactory, serving in the capacity of Superintendent in a most effecient manner.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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January 29, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Eugene R. Lynch, Chief Clerk at $4600 per annum in the New York Assay Office, be promoted to Chief Clerk at $4800 per annum, effective February 1, 1936.

Mr. Lynch was appointed Chief Clerk on April 1, 1934, and has since that time served in that capacity in a very effecient manner.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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January 29, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Bernard Sharack be given a temporary appointment as Skilled Laborer at $5.00 per diem on the regular roll of the U. S. Assay Office in New York City, effective date of oath, for a period not to exceed ninety days.

Approval for this appointment was telegraphed from the Second Civil Service District in New York City under this date.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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January 28, 1936.

Dear Mr. President:

The Annual Assay Commission, provided for under Section 3547 of the Revised Statutes, will meet at the Mint at Philadelphia, February 12th, 1936. The duty of the Commission is to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several Mints during the preceding calendar year, in order to secure due conformity in the coins to their respective standards of weight and fineness. The members of this Commission are named by Presidential appointment.

The law provides that the Commission shall consist of the Judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Assayer of the United States Assay Office at New York, and such other persons as the President shall designate. Attached herewith is a list of names of men and women respectfully suggested for appointment as members of this Commission.

No compensation is provided for the members of the Commission, but their actual and necessary expenses to and from Philadelphia by the most direct route, and while in attendance at the sessions of the Commission, are reimbursed.

Faithfully yours,

H Morgenthau Jr

Secretary of the Treasury.

The President,
The White House.

HMJr
DK
FDR

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January 31, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 22nd, inclosing a rough sketch of a medal which the Navy Department is contemplating having struck for the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

The following estimate covering the cost and preparation of such medals is submitted:

Preparing a die from a sculptured model
to be supplied to the Mint.....$75.00

The cost of manufacturing the silver
and bronze medals will be..... 1.00 ea.

In addition to the manufacturing cost of the silver medals it will be necessary for the Navy Department to supply to the Mint about 35 ounces of fine silver.

The sketch inclosed with your letter of January 22nd is returned.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Inclosure.

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February 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended January 31, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C'R/eh

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February 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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February 3, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period January 16 to 31, 1936, were $35,798, all for personnel.

Nellie Taylor Ross

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 547,080,802
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - -	327,936,008
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	136,537,223
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,011,554,033

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

F-S

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February 6, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the name of Earle Wasson, recommended for temporary appointment as a Skilled Laborer at $5.00 per diem in the U. S. Assay Office in New York City and approved by the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary on January 29, 1936, be changed on the records to Craven Earl Wasson.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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February 8, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that John W. Kerr, Guard at $1,680 per annum, employed on the regular roll of the U. S. Assay Office in New York City, be retired from the service on account of age at the close of business March 31, 1936.

Mr. Kerr will reach the age of seventy on March 3, 1936, and has served for more than twenty-five years, which makes retirement compulsory at the end of March, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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February 8, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Frances C. White, Selector at $4.60 per diem, regular roll, San Francisco Mint, be retired from the service on account of age at the close of business January 31, 1936.

Miss White reached the age of sixty-five on January 19, 1936, and has served for more than forty years, which makes retirement compulsory at the end of January, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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February 8, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 31st, inclosing a copy of a note (No. 237/P-7) dated January 27, 1936, from the Rumanian Minister, relative to the desire of the National Bank of Rumania to obtain a collection of all coins in circulation at the present time in the United States.

The current coins of the United States are the silver dollar, the half dollar, the quarter dollar and the dime, the five-cent nickel piece and the one-cent bronze piece. A set of coins of recent issue may be obtained by applying to the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department. That officer is in charge of the distribution of coins.

The silver coins are 9/10ths pure silver and 1/10th copper. The five-cent nickel piece is 75% copper and 25% nickel and the one-cent piece is 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

The following are the dimensions and weights of the coins:

	Diameter	Thickness	Weight
Silver			
Dollar	1.5	.114	412.5 grains
Half dollar	1.205	.086	192.9 "
Quarter dollar	.955	.067	96.45 "
Dime	.705	.053	38.58 "
Minor			
Five cents	.835	.078	77.16 "
One cent	.750	.062	48.0 "

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 12, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,503
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	327,902,582
Minor -	136,534,673
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,011,517,758

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

T-S

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February 14, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

The position occupied by Mr. Seth Horne having been reallocated by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, I have the honor to recommend that his title be changed from Clerk-Stenographer CAF-4, at $1,860 per annum, to Clerk, CAF-4, at $1,860 per annum, Office of the Director of the Mint, regular roll, effective January 16, 1936.

This is in accordance with action of the Personnel Classification Board dated January 29, 1936, which was received in the Administrative Office under date of January 29, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Th B. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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February 14, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

The position occupied by Mr. Samuel B. Frantz having been reallocated by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, I have the honor to recommend that his grade and title be changed from Jr. Administrative Assistant, CAF-10, at $4,000 per annum, to Administrative Officer, CAF-11, at $4,000 per annum, Office of the Director of the Mint, regular roll, effective February 1, 1936.

This is in accordance with action of the Personnel Classification Board dated February 8, 1936, which was received in the Administrative Office under date of February 8, 1936.

Very truly yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MIRM

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February 17, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the position of Clerk CAF-4 be created in the Office of the Director of the Mint, payable from the appropriation, "Salaries, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1936," in lieu of the Clerk-Stenographer CAF-4 position now set up in this office.

It is further recommended that Mr. Seth Horne be transferred from the position of Clerk-Stenographer, CAF-4, at $1,860 per annum, to the position of Clerk, CAF-4, at $1,860 per annum, Office of the Director of the Mint, effective January 16, 1936.

This is in accordance with action of the Personnel Classification Board dated January 29, 1936, which was received in the Administrative Office under date of January 29, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

MDM

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February 18, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period February 1 to 15, 1936, were $33,497, all for personnel.

F-S

W. H. O'Donnell
Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your letter of February 6th, relative to the manufacture and sale of miniature medals to officers authorized to wear them.

The Mint at Philadelphia has the hubs for all miniature Navy medals made at that Mint and could make such miniature medals for persons authorized to wear them.

The cost of such medals, which does not include the Navy Cross and other of the medals difficult to manufacture, would be $1.50.

These medals are now manufactured by outside concerns, which obtained the hubs from the Mint.

Very truly yours,

Guy T. Helvering

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 2, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

N. M. O'Reilly
Acting

Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended February 29th, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

N. M. Reed

Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am forwarding for approval application of Mrs. Catherine E. Bossidy for an extension of four days leave on account of sickness.

Mrs. Bossidy is a valuable clerk and, in the opinion of this Bureau, deserving of this extension.

Very truly yours.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 28th, inclosing a copy of a note of February 26, 1936, from the Chinese Ambassador in regard to the desire of the Chinese Ministry of Finance to have made at the Mint at Philadelphia certain master dies and hubs for Chinese coins.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to direct that preparation of these dies be undertaken at the Mint at Philadelphia as promptly as possible.

Very truly yours,

Wayne C Taylor.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 3, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 29, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,503
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	328,211,338
Minor -	136,924,346
Total -	1,012,216,187

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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March 3, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period February 16 to 29, 1936, were $30,435, all for personnel.

N. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Mr. Roy T. Algate, a member of the staff of this Bureau, has been absent on account of sickness for a period of thirteen days in excess of the allowance.

I recommend that an extension of thirteen days leave on account of sickness be allowed Mr. Algate as he is a conscientious employee and would not request this privilege without necessity.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Frederick J. Ernest, guard, employed in the Office of the United States Assay Office, New York City, be retired from the service on account of total disability.

Attached is a certificate from his doctor and a statement from his immediate superior as to his condition.

Very truly yours,

M. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request of February 3, 1936, reference WE 811.515/1166, transmitting questionnaire forms relative to the coinage and currency of the United States, for the supplying of information desired by the Deputy Controller and Master of the Royal Mint of Great Britain, I have the honor to return herewith such questionnaire forms with the requested data.

Very truly yours,

Wayne C. Taylor

Secretary of the Treasury.

Enclosures.

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March 12, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 29, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,503
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	328,212,360
Minor -	136,924,346
Total -	1,012,217,209

Very truly yours,

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period March 1 to 15, 1936, were $32,425, all for personnel.

F-S

W. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of March 18, 1936, relative to the provision of the insurance policy covering Government shipments of currency, coin, bullion, etc., please be advised that the terms of the policy now in effect satisfactorily cover Mint Establishment operations.

Very truly yours,

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Under date of March 4th, this Department was requested by the Minister of Uruguay to submit an estimate of the cost of executing certain coinage for his Government. The following statement regarding this coinage is being forwarded to you with the request that appropriate action be taken by you on this report:

"The coins described in the specifications submitted are a 10 centesimo piece to be made of an alloy of 91 parts copper and 9 parts aluminum with a tolerance of 1%, and three other coins, viz: 5 centesimos, 2 centesimos and 1 centesimos to be made of an alloy of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

There are submitted estimates covering cost of dies, coining and containers for shipment of the nickel-copper coins, but the Mint is not in a position to make coins of the aluminum copper alloy for the reason that casting aluminum bronze for rolling purposes is a very uncertain and risky proposition. Investigation discloses that for cold rolling purposes aluminum-copper alloys should contain not over 5% aluminum which requires annealing in the process of rolling. The Mint is not equipped to anneal metals in the strip. Mint officials state that if the aluminum-copper alloyed metal is hot rolled, it should not contain over 8% aluminum; neither is the Mint

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equipped to roll hot metals. In experimenting with rolling an ingot of the alloy desired, it was found that the edges cracked deep into the strip after being passed through the roll a few times, and undoubtedly, if rolled further, the metal would have broken up.

Inquiry was made of several outside manufacturers as to whether they would consider accepting an order for strips or blanks of an alloy of 91% copper and 9% aluminum with 1% tolerance, and in each instance we were advised that they would not care to undertake working such an alloy.

The following estimate is submitted for the coinage and die costs, as well as cost of containers to be used in shipping the nickel-copper coins:

	75% copper, 25% nickel			
No. of Pieces	Denomination	Weight	Diameter	Cost per M Pieces
3,000,000	5 Centesimos	5 grams	23 MM	$3.00
6,500,000	2 Centesimos	3½ "	17 MM	2.25
2,000,000	1 Centesimo	2 "	17 MM	2.00

It is understood the tolerance in metal content of these coins shall be 1%, and the tolerance in weight shall be 1½%. The cost of boxes required to pack the coins for shipment will be $0.75¢ each.

The metal required in the coinage must be furnished by the Government of Uruguay, but, if desired, the Mint could obtain competitive bids on metals required in the coinage for and on account of the Government of Uruguay.

If the Mint is required to prepare master dies and hubs for the 5, 2 and 1 centesimo nickel pieces, the cost will be $300 for each denomination, but, if master dies and hubs are furnished, the dates in such dies could be changed to 1936 for $25.00 for each denomination.

The coinage and packing costs are based on the finished coins packed for shipment delivered to the Transportation Company designated to handle them at the Mint. The Mint is not in position to quote prices on Montevideo delivery."

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 25, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Paul Chittenden, Skilled Workman at $6.14 per diem, employed in the United States Mint in San Francisco, California, be retired from the service on account of total disability.

Attached are Mr. Chittenden's application for retirement on account of disability and statements from his attending physician and his immediate superior as to his physical condition.

Very truly yours,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto please find draft of a proposed amendment to the circular "Values of Foreign Moneys", with respect to the change in status of monetary matters in China.

Decision as to such wording as meets your approval is needed at once in order that the circular to be issued as of April 1, 1936, may be ready in time for reprinting in the pamphlet of Treasury Decisions, published for the Customs Service.

There is attached hereto a pamphlet issued by the Chinese Currency Board, giving an English translation of the Chinese Government acts incident to the change in monetary policy, also several circulars giving New York exchange quotations on Chinese yuan of different dates.

Very truly yours,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Charles E. Hunt, Foreman of Electricians at $8.24 per diem, employed in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be retired from the service on account of total disability.

Attached are Mr. Hunt's application for retirement on account of disability and statements from his attending physician and his immediate superior as to his physical condition.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

MDM

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April 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended March 31, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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April 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

B. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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April 2, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period March 16 to 31, 1936, were $30,897, all for personnel.

N. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The annual report of the Director of the Mint regularly includes a review of the gold and silver markets for the calendar year preceding the close of the fiscal year for which the mint report is rendered.

Until last year such review consisted of extracts from the review by Sharps & Wilkins, bullion brokers of London, England. Last year the Secretary's Office provided a review in lieu of that regularly used theretofore.

Will a review be provided by the Secretary's Office for the calendar year 1935, to be included in the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, next?

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,503
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - -	329,364,541
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	137,427,869
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,013,872,913

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Receipt is acknowledged of your endorsement on the letter from the Civil Service Commission, dated March 31st, relative to the establishment of a personnel staff at the Fort Knox Depository.

As the appropriation for the maintenance of this institution has not yet been made by Congress, it is not possible for this Bureau to say what force will be maintained there. Provision for the employment of a staff at this point is included in the third deficiency bill, now before the Budget.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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April 6, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. John A. Williams, Guard at $1,680 per annum, employed in the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, be retired from the service on account of age at the close of business March 31, 1936.

Mr. Williams reached the age of seventy on March 30, and has served for more than twenty-five years, which makes retirement compulsory at the end of March, 1936.

Very truly yours,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am inclosing a bond executed by Xerxes T. Stoddard, of Denver, which has been returned to this Bureau by Mr. Cunningham with the request that a new bond be executed by Mr. Stoddard because of the defective corporate seal.

May I request that in accordance with Mr. Cunningham's suggestion a new form of bond be prepared, to be sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, for Mr. Stoddard.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
OTB/eh

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April 10, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 8th, referring to a letter from this Department dated January 13th, submitting an estimate of the cost of certain coinage desired by the Government of El Salvador.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to cause the following coins desired by the Government of El Salvador, to be made at the Mint in Philadelphia at the earliest practicable date:

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Avoirdupois Lbs. Copper	Avoirdupois Lbs. Nickel	Cost per M
2,500,000	1 centavo	10,333.9282	3,444.6432	$3.00

It is understood that the above cost includes the working dies. Master dies, metal and shipping boxes will be extra.

It is further understood that the Mint at Philadelphia has now on hand the dies used in 1928 and that the only change necessary in these dies would be the date. The cost of making such change in the dies would be $25.00.

Very truly yours,

Wayne C Taylor

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 13, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,503
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - -	329,364,476
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	137,427,869
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,013,872,848

Very truly yours,

M M Leisy

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Frederick J. Ernest, Guard at $1,680 per annum, employed on the regular roll of the U. S. Assay Office, New York City, be dropped at the close of business April 10, 1936, for retirement under Section 6.

Very truly yours,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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April 13, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Thomas P. Groody, temporary Annealer at $5.00 per diem on the regular roll of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be transferred and appointed a Guard in this institution, effective date of oath, with compensation at the rate of $1,680 per annum, payable from the appropriation, "Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936", for such period of time as his services may be required on such work and funds are available therefor, but not to extend beyond June 30, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

April 13, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the following-named employees on the emergency roll of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be transferred from the positions and salaries noted, to the position of Guard at $1,680 per annum, also on the emergency roll, effective date of oath:

Daniel H. Barrow, Jr.	Helper	$5.00	per	diem
David F. Conover, 3rd	Helper	$5.00	"	"
Albert T. Cubbins	Helper	$5.00	"	"
John E. Hess	Helper	$5.00	"	"
Leonard McGee	Helper	$5.00	"	"
Emanuel J. McGreal	Helper	$5.00	"	"
Robert C. Meachim	Helper	$5.00	"	"

This letter is in lieu of one dated April 8, 1936, signed by Mr. Edwin H. Dressel, Superintendent, including the name of Mr. Thomas P. Groody, Annealer, at $5.00 per diem. Mr. Groody is a temporary employee on the regular roll and will be recommended for transfer in a separate letter.

Very truly yours,

N. M. Riehly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period April 1 to 15, 1936, were $36,135, all for personnel.

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to refer to a letter received from Hon. Andres Pastoriza, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Dominican Republic, requesting an estimate on certain coinage for his Government. The Minister's letter was forwarded to the State Department under date of April 24th. The following estimate is submitted:

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Composition	Coinage Cost per 1,000 Pcs.
1,000,000	50¢ Pcs.	Silver .900 fine	$ 6.50
1,200,000	25¢ "	" .835 "	4.50
1,500,000	10¢ "	" .835 "	3.00
800,000	5¢ "	75% Copper 25% Nickel	3.00
1,000,000	1¢ "	95% " 5% Tin & Zinc	2.25

METAL REQUIRED FOR SILVER COINAGE

1,000,000 - 50 Centavos	361,687.50 fine ozs. Silver
1,200,000 - 25 "	201,339.38 " " "
1,500,000 - 10 "	100,669.68 " " "

METALS REQUIRED FOR MINOR COINAGE
(Avoirdupois Pounds)

	Copper	Nickel	Zinc	Tin
800,000 - 5¢ Pcs.	6613.7143	2204.5714		
1,000,000 - 1¢ "	6514.2857		274.2857	68.5715
	12128.0000	2204.5714	274.2857	68.5715

Coinage costs include cost of working dies and copper required for alloy in silver coins, but do not include cost of silver, metal required in the minor coinage, cost of packing boxes, nor cost of master dies, if desired.

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If new dies are desired, the Mint could make complete sets of master dies and hubs from sculptored models (which must be furnished) for $300.00 per set.

It is understood that the diameter of the silver coins shall be:

50¢ Piece	-	30	Millimetres
25¢ "	-	22	"
10¢ "	-	15	"

The sizes of the minor coins shall be the same as the United States 5¢ nickel and 1¢ bronze coins.

It is further understood that the tolerance in the weight of the silver coined money (in drafts of $1,000) shall be, more or less, as follows:

50¢ Pieces	-	Not to exceed	4	thousandths
25¢ "	-	" "	"	7	"
10¢ "	-	" "	"	7	"

The tolerance, more or less, in fineness of the coins of .900 fine shall not exceed 2 thousandths, and those of .835 fine shall not exceed 3 thousandths.

It is noted that the finenesses of the 25¢ and 10¢ pieces are stated in the fourth paragraph of the Minister's letter as .833, while in the eighth paragraph they are stated as .835. Our calculations are based on .835, as it is believed that .835 is correct and that the fineness stated as .833 is in error.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 28, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Dear Sir:

Attached is a letter from the Bureau of the Census, giving the age of Miss Virginia Marguerite McShane at the Census of 1910 as 18 years.

It is hoped that this letter will establish the year of Miss McShane's birth.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

MDM

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April 28, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 24th, transmitting a copy of a note of April 20, 1936, from the Salvadoran Legation containing certain additional requests in connection with the proposed coinage for the Government of El Salvador.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been in communication by telephone with the Chase National Bank and it is understood that bids are to be obtained by the Mint and submitted to the Chase Bank as the agent for the El Salvador Government and who will make settlement with the Mint for such purchases.

Vouchers for the cost of changing the date on the master die will also be submitted to the Chase National Bank as soon as the work is completed.

Very truly yours,

Wayne C. Taylor

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 30, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter of April 27, from Mr. L. A. Moyer, Chief Examiner, U. S. Civil Service Commission, which was referred to this office by you on April 29.

The amount of $420.75 shown as the aggregate salary paid to Mr. Andrew J. Loftus, Clerk-Stenographer at $1800 per annum, while employed at the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, for the period December 22, 1933 to March 31, 1934, is the aggregate amount less the compensation deduction of 15% and 10%, respectively, in effect at that time. The correct amount on which service credit should be based is $490.00 as stated in the Commission's letter.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:MDM

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May 1, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the letter of April 24 from the U. S. Civil Service Commission in regard to the alleged political activity of four employees of the Philadelphia Mint.

I wish to state that I have written Mr. Dressel, the Superintendent of this institution, advising him to caution Messrs. Gorman, Mylotte, Petrone and Steck to refrain from further political activity. The forms 1236 which were enclosed were transmitted to Mr. Dressel for distribution to these four men. He was instructed to call their attention to paragraph 37, and also to paragraphs 38 to 43 of this form.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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May 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended April 30, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period April 16 to 30, 1936, were $37,622, all for personnel.

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminaty estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of April 30, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,503
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - -	330,186,480
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	137,917,097
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,015,184,080

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

F-S

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

May 5, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Joseph P. Gillespie, Skilled Workman at $6.24 per diem, employed in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be retired from the service on account of age at the close of business April 30, 1936.

Mr. Gillespie reached the age of 65 on April 7, 1936, and has served for more than 18 years, which makes retirement compulsory at the end of April, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. David J. Quaid, Laborer at $5.00 per diem, employed in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, be retired from the service on account of disability.

Attached are Mr. Quaid's application for retirement on account of disability and statements from his attending physician and his immediate superior as to his physical condition.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

R:M

May 13, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the dates of separation of the following-named employees paid from the emergency roll of the Philadelphia Mint be amended from February 29 to the dates noted:

Caravello, Peter, Painter, $5.00 per diem, dropped at the close of business March 3.
Lavery, Thomas J., Painter, $5.00 per diem, dropped at the close of business March 2.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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May 11, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Hon. Gabriel L. Dennis, Secretary of the Treasury of Liberia, in accordance with an understanding entered into between Assistant Secretary Taylor and him, visited the Mint at Philadelphia to confer with the metallurgists of that institution in regard to certain alloys for coins. It was understood by the Mint officials that Mr. Dennis was anxious to obtain the approximate cost of metals required in different alloys as well as other costs in connection with certain coinage for his Government. He requested that such information be sent through this Department, in care of Mr. McBride, Assistant to the Secretary of State at Washington.

The information is submitted with the understanding that the cost of metals required for this coinage is based on present market conditions and is subject to change. The costs are as follows:

COINAGE COSTS

No. of pieces	Denomination	Weight	Diameter	Cost per 1,000 pcs.
1,000,000	Half cent	Same as U.S. 1¢ piece		$2.60
1,000,000	Cent	5.300 grams	25.5 mm.	3.80
1,000,000	Two Cents	8.400 grams	29 mm.	5.20

Tolerance in weight - .320 grams.

COST OF METALS REQUIRED-BRONZE COINAGE
95% Copper, 4% Zinc, 1% Tin

		Copper			
1,000,000	Half cent	6,514.2857 Av. lbs	@ $0.09675	per lb.	$ 630.26
1,000,000	Cent	11,086.5003 Av. lbs	@ 0.09675	per lb.	1072.62
1,000,000	Two Cents	17,592.6432 Av. lbs	@ 0.09675	per lb.	1702.09
		35,193.4292			$3404.97

		Zinc			
1,000,000	Half Cent	274.2857 Av. lbs	@ $0.0725	per lb.	$ 19.89
1,000,000	Cent	466.8000 Av. lbs	@ .0725	per lb.	33.84
1,000,000	Two Cents	740.7428 Av. lbs	@ .0725	per lb.	53.70
		1481.8285			$ 107.43

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		Tin				
1,000,000	Half Cent	68.5714	Av. lbs @	$0.49	per lb.	$ 33.60
1,000,000	Cent	116.6997	Av. lbs @	.49	per lb.	57.18
1,000,000	Two Cents	185.1854	Av. lbs @	.49	per lb.	90.74
		370.4565				$181.52

COST OF METALS REQUIRED-CUPRO-NICKEL COINS
75% Copper, 25% Nickel

		Copper				
1,000,000	Half Cent	5,142.8571	Av. lbs @	$0.09675	per lb.	$ 497.57
1,000,000	Cent	8,752.5003	Av. lbs @	.09675	per lb.	846.80
1,000,000	Two Cents	13,888.9282	Av. lbs @	.09675	per lb.	1343.75
		27,784.2856				$2688.12

		Nickel				
1,000,000	Half Cent	1,714.2857	Av. lbs. @	$.3625	per lb.	$ 621.43
1,000,000	Cent	2,917.4997	Av. lbs. @	.3625	per lb.	1057.59
1,000,000	Two Cents	4,629.6432	Av. lbs. @	.3625	per lb.	1678.25
		9,261.4286				$3357.27

Mr. Dennis left with the Mint at Philadelphia a coin, the alloy of which he did not know. The metallurgists of the Mint have analyzed the piece and find it contains 89% copper, 9½% aluminum, and 1½% nickel. No estimate is made of the cost of the metals that would be required if an alloy of this character is to be used in this coinage. Our experiments disclose the strips rolled from ingots of such an alloy are very brittle and would require annealing. The Mint is not equipped to anneal strips during the process of rolling.

Mr. Dennis also indicated that dies with a design on the obverse side differing from the design on the sample coins submitted would be required. If new dies are to be made the cost would be $300.00 per set of master dies and hubs to be made from sculptured models which must be furnished. Coinage costs include the cost of working dies but not the cost of metals required in the coinage. Boxes required in packing the coins for shipment will be extra. It is estimated that about 438 boxes would be required to pack these coins for shipment. Such boxes could be made at the Philadelphia Mint for $0.75 each.

Very truly yours,

Wayne C. Taylor

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 18, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period May 1 to 15, 1936, were $37,094, all for personnel.

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Commission's letter of May 9, in regard to the alleged political activities of two emergency employees of the Philadelphia Mint.

I wish to state that Mr. Dressel, Superintendent of this institution, has been notified to hand the forms 1236, forwarded by the Commission, to James E. Carberry and Joseph Tomaszewski with instructions to pay particular attention to paragraphs 38 to 43. He has also been notified to caution them to refrain from further political activity.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Rourke

Acting Director of the Mint.

MMM

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O'R/sh

May 19, 1936.

Government Facilities

Mr. G. Aubrey Davidson, Chairman, Board of Directors, California-Pacific International Exposition, San Diego, California.

No proofs of any issue of commemorative coins are to be made.

M.M.O'Reilly

M.M.O'Reilly, Acting Director Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 20, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Commission's letter of May 18, in regard to political activity on the part of eight temporary employees of the Philadelphia Mint. These employees are alleged to be holding the political office of divisional committeeman.

This office is today notifying the Superintendent of this institution to secure the resignation of Messrs. Bostic, Donahue, Groody, Hartley, Lepping, Ludovico, Wachtel and Washington from the office of divisional committeeman (furnishing copy of their resignation together with acceptance thereof to the Commission through the Department), and to warn them that any further political activity may result in their removal from the service.

Very truly yours,

N. M. O'Reilley

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

May 16, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval models for the fifty-cent pieces in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Cincinnati, Ohio, as a center of music and its contribution to the art of music for the past fifty years. The subjects of these models were decided upon by the Cincinnati Musical Center Commemorative Coin Association, the association named in the Act authorizing the coinage, and were presented to this Bureau by the president of that Association, Mr. Thomas G. Melish.

The weight, composition and dimensions of these coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half dollar piece.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

H Morgenthau Jr.

Secretary of the Treasury.

May 23, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The Fort Knox Depository will be ready for occupancy, the Procurement Division informs me, about August 1st. I write to inquire whether it is your desire that the movement of gold from New York and Philadelphia, shall proceed thereafter without delay. If so, I submit for your approval the following plan, with reference to personnel at Fort Knox.

That a small working staff for permanent service be effected by transfer from the Mint field of skilled, experienced employees, to include approximately the following:

A chief clerk, to assume full responsibility for the receipt, handling and storage of the gold.

A bookkeeper, and such clerical aid as shall be required for the handling of records and correspondence, (probably two clerks).

Twelve guards, (three for each eight-hour shift, and three for relief duty).

One electrician, one fireman, one janitor, one mechanic, and such helpers as developments make necessary.

During the first months, while the heavy shipments are being made from New York and Philadelphia, there will be required, in addition to this proposed staff, a few more technical men, and a considerable number of laborers.

I recommend that the laborers be employed locally, to satisfy the desire of Congressmen and other citizens of Kentucky, and also in the interest of economy. The number required will fluctuate. They may therefore well be appointed from outside Civil Service, on per diem. We can drop them and re-employ them as the work requires.

Kentucky Congressmen, conferring with me, have indicated satisfaction with my expressed purpose of recommending to you that no political appointment of administrative head be made at Fort Knox; that, owing to the enormous values involved, and to the fact that the place is to be used solely as a depository, a bonded Mint man of proven skill and trustworthiness, should be in charge; one familiar with all the difficulties pertaining to handling and stacking of gold. Serious loss from abrasion, and other damage to fine bars might result should an inexperienced person undertake direction of activities.

Having given mature consideration to the background and capabilities of all the men throughout the Mint field, I have arrived at the conclusion that Mr. Russell J. Van Horne, now serving as Chief Clerk at the Mint at San Francisco, is best qualified to take charge at Fort Knox. I therefore ask your approval of his transfer at such time as his services may be required.

The suggestions in this letter are made upon the assumption that the bill which is in Congress, providing appropriation for Fort Knox' needs and the moving of gold, will be finally passed. No protest, I understand, has been made against that feature of the Deficiency Appropriation bill.

Yours very truly,

Nellie Taylor Ross

NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS
Director of the Mint.

R:W

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May 25, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the centennial celebration of Cleveland, Ohio, to be known as the Great Lakes Exposition, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of May 5, 1936.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

H. Morgenthau Jr.

Secretary of the Treasury.

For Mr.

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

June 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended May 31, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 478

June 2, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Fred V. Hedelt, Roller at $6.40 per diem, in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be retired from the service on account of age at the close of business May 31, 1936.

Mr. Hedelt reached the age of sixty-five on May 8, 1936, and has served for more than nineteen years, which makes retirement compulsory at the end of May, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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June 3, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,503
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - -	330,063,895
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	138,397,138
	1,015,541,536

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period May 16 to 31, 1936, were $37,981, all for personnel.

Alice Taylor Rose

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 2, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 28th, inclosing a copy of a note of May 26, 1936, from the Chinese Ambassador in regard to a quantity of silver coins to be made for the Chinese Ministry of Finance by the United States Mint.

It is understood that the Minister will place a trial order with the United States Mint for five million one dollar coins and five million fifty cent coins, both to be 720 parts fine silver with security rim or some other similar device satisfactory to the Ministry.

Upon receipt of information as to the weight and measurements of the proposed coins this Department will be glad to submit an estimate of the cost of producing such pieces, it being understood that the silver to be used in the manufacture of these coins will be supplied to the United States Mint by the Chinese Government.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

June 5, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the communication from the United States Civil Service Commission regarding the reinstatement of John R. Weiler as an Unskilled Laborer at $6.50 per diem, in the United States Assay Office, New York City.

Mr. Weiler was appointed temporarily on the regular roll of the Assay Office as an Unskilled Laborer at $6.00 per diem, on March 9, 1934. On September 1, 1934, he was transferred to the emergency roll at the same title and salary, and has remained on this roll up to the present time. The position to which his reinstatement is proposed is on the regular roll.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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June 4, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 2nd, referring to your letter of May 28th in regard to silver coins to be made for the Chinese Ministry of Finance by the United States Mint, and inclosing a copy of a note dated May 29th from the Chinese Ambassador on this subject.

The Ambassador suggests that he would appreciate having this Department discuss fully with the Chinese financial representatives now in the United States the question of dimensions and weight of the proposed coins, and special devices to prevent counterfeiting.

As it is understood that the Chinese financial representatives have left for China I have to request that this Department be instructed as to the persons to be consulted as suggested by the Ambassador.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 6, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the dates of separation of the following-named temporary and emergency employees of the United States Mint in Philadelphia, be amended to the dates listed below, in order to adjust the additional leave granted by the Act of March 14, 1936, Public 472, 74th Congress:

Temporary Employees on Regular Roll

Name	Discharged New Date	Discharged Instead of
Anastasia, Anthony M.	3 P.M. 3/31/36	3/23/36
Bradin, Hugh F.	c.o.b. 3/26/36	3/18/36
Brennan, Joseph	1:15 P.M. 3/23/36	3/14/36
Cannon, Thomas A.	10:00 A.M. 3/31/36	3/21/36
Coleman, Joseph J.	c.o.b. 3/30/36	3/18/36
Collins, Thomas F.	10:00 A.M. 3/31/36	3/21/36
Dare, Howard E.	3:00 P.M. 3/31/36	3/23/36
Edwards, Joseph	1:15 P.M. 3/30/36	3/20/36
Gaitley, Vincent	1:15 P.M. 3/30/36	3/20/36
Jackson, Jarrett H.	1:15 P.M. 3/30/36	3/20/36
McCloskey, James	10:00 A.M. 3/31/36	3/21/36
Martino, Morris	3:00 P.M. 3/31/36	3/23/36
Murphy, John J.	1:15 P.M. 3/30/36	3/20/36
Rhein, Francis J.	1:15 P.M. 3/30/36	3/20/36
Ronca, Lester	c.o.b. 3/26/36	3/18/36
Schultz, Joseph M.	1:15 P.M. 3/23/36	3/14/36
Smith, George C.	c.o.b. 3/26/36	3/18/36
Steinmetz, Frank P.	3:00 P.M. 3/31/36	3/23/36
Thomas, George J.	c.o.b. 3/26/36	3/18/36
Tickner, Robert J.	1:15 P.M. 3/30/36	3/20/36

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Emergency Employees

Name	Discharged New Date		Discharged Instead of
Bohs, George	10:00 A.M.	3/20/36	3/16/36
Devine, Frank J.	c.o.b.	4/2/36	3/30/36
Donahue, Thomas L.	9:00 A.M.	3/20/36	3/17/36
Gaffigan, John T.	Noon	3/27/36	3/24/36
Hodnett, James J.	2:00 P.M.	3/18/36	3/16/36
Hymes, Joseph M.	Noon	3/26/36	3/21/36
Kelly, James F.	c.o.b.	3/26/36	3/23/36
McCarty, Helen C.	9:00 A.M.	3/25/36	3/23/36
O'Regan, Michael J.	c.o.b.	3/18/36	3/14/36
Sheehan, John H.	1:00 P.M.	4/3/36	3/30/36
Snyderman, Robert	10:00 A.M.	3/26/36	3/21/36
Walters, Mary E.	Noon	3/25/36	3/20/36

Very truly yours,

W. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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June 8, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Territorial Government of Wisconsin, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of May 15, 1936.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

O'R/eh

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

June 10, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the approval of the Civil Service Commission be obtained for the transfer of Mr. Edward J. Murphy, now serving as a Junior Assayer at $2,400 per annum in the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, to the position of Skilled Workman at the same salary. This transfer will involve a change from the seventy-year retirement group to the sixty-five-year group. Mr. Murphy was born on December 6, 1873, and if transferred to the position of Skilled Workman, will be eligible for retirement in December, 1938. He has served for more than forty-one years in the Mint service.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

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June 11, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I submit for your consideration the accompanying sketches designed for the recently authorized Bridgeport commemorative coin.

Before sending the sketches to the Commission of Fine Arts to pass upon their artistic merits I bring to your attention the use of the likeness of P. T. Barnum. It is outside the province of the Commission of Fine Arts to pass upon the subject matter relating to a design, though I remind you it undertook to do so in the instance of the Cincinnati coin, protesting against the use of the portrait of Stephen Foster.

Connecticut sponsors of the Bridgeport coin emphasize that they desire to pay honor to Barnum, not because of his connection with the circus, but because of his philanthropic and civic contribution as a citizen of Bridgeport.

This design is made by a high-class sculptor who is capable of making a satisfactory plaster model. He will be required to make a model for submission to you for final approval by you.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

R/eb

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June 11, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

MINT BUREAU APPORTIONMENT.

Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937.

1936	
July	$91,490
August	91,350
September	90,950
October	90,950
November	90,850
December	90,850
1937	
January	84,600
February	84,560
March	83,600
April	83,600
May	83,600
June	83,600
Total	1,050,000

Principal variation from equal monthly apportionments is due to rent of a silver storage vault in New York, which vault was rented (rate $75,000 annually) after the regular 1937 appropriation estimates were submitted. Apportionment for this rent is made only for first half of the fiscal year. Other variations are small, to provide a working margin for carry-forward from month to month.

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

F-S

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June 15, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,503
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	330,065,834
Minor -	138,397,038
Total -	1,015,543,375

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1936.

Mr. William H. McReynolds,
Administrative Assistant to the Secretary,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The United States Mint at Philadelphia purchased on Voucher #3-12299, on the Philadelphia regional accounts of G. F. Allen, payable from the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1935, 25510", two noiseless typewriters from this Office. The typewriters were purchased for use in the administrative office of the Mint at Philadelphia where quiet operation is essential.

Approval by the Secretary was not at the time attached to this authorization. It is requested that this approval be now given.

Very truly yours,

N. M. Rade

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 17, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Margaret Jane Mitchell, now employed as telephone operator in the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, be retired from the service on account of age at the close of business June 30, 1936.

Miss Mitchell reached the age of seventy on June 9, 1936, and has served for more than twenty-three years, which makes retirement compulsory at the end of June, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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June 17, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period June 1 to 15, 1936, were $39,639, all for personnel.

F-S

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 17, 1936.

Mr. William H. McReynolds,
Administrative Assistant to the Secretary,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The United States Mint at Philadelphia purchased on voucher #3-1716, on the Philadelphia regional accounts of G. F. Allen, payable from the appropriation "Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve and Silver Purchase Acts, 1934-35", two noiseless typewriters from this Office. The typewriters were purchased for use in the administrative office of the Mint at Philadelphia where quiet operation is essential.

Approval by the Secretary was not at the time attached to this authorization. It is requested that this approval be now given.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Kennedy

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Josephine Roche

Secretary of the Treasury.

HMK/eh

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June 24, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

June 24, 1936.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval photographs of the model for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first settlement on Long Island, New York, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of April 13, 1936.

The inscription "In God We Trust" is to be placed on the band beneath the ship. It is absent from the photograph submitted to you for the reason that the letters are to be incised rather than raised, and due to the need for sharpness in lettering of that type and size it was deemed best to have this work done later at the Mint directly in the hub.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Enclosure.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.
O'R/sh

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

June 26, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 22nd, inclosing a copy of a note dated June 17, 1936, from the Nicaraguan Charge d'Affaires ad interim, in which he requests that the United States Mint at Philadelphia be authorized to execute coinage for his Government.

This coinage can be executed on the following terms:

No. of pieces	Denomination	Composition	Fine Ozs. Silver	Pounds Avoirdupois Copper	Nickel	Tin	Zinc
100,000	25 Centavos	800 Silver 200 Copper	16,075.00				
250,000	10 Centavos	do	16,075.00				
300,000	5 Centavos	75% Copper 25% Nickel		2480.1428	826.7143		
500,000	1 Centavos	94.75% Cu. 4% Tin 1.25% Zinc		4177.6629		176.3657	55.1143
600,000	½ Centavos	do		3133.2473		132.2743	41.3355
			32,150.00	9791.0530	826.7143	308.6400	96.4498

Manufacturing Costs

Denomination	Cost per M Pieces
25 Centavos	$5.70
10 "	4.50
5 "	3.50
1 "	2.20
½ "	2.20

The above costs include alloy copper for the silver denominations and working dies, but do not include shipping boxes. These boxes are seventy-five cents each.

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It is assumed that these coins are to be similar to those coined in recent years, and, if this assumption is correct, master dies and hubs for such coins are in possession of the Mint at Philadelphia, and change in dates only will be required. These changes can be made for $25.00 for each pair of hubs, or a total of $125.00 for the five denominations.

Very truly yours,

Lyman J. Gage

Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 29, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 27th, inclosing a copy of a note dated June 25, 1936, from the Chinese Ambassador in regard to an order given by Mr. K. P. Chen for three sample coins to be made at the Mint at Philadelphia for the Chinese Central Mint.

The Director of the Mint has today been instructed to cause to be prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia sample coins each of two sizes of the following fineness: 425, 500, 720 and 800. The Superintendent of the Mint has today been requested to prepare these coins and forward them direct to the Director of the Chinese Central Mint in Shanghai.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 1, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith resignation of Mrs. Jennie L. Massey from the position of Stenographer in the Mint Bureau at $1440 per annum, on the emergency roll. I recommend that this resignation be accepted without prejudice, effective at close of business, August 15, 1935.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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July 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended June 30, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1936, for the period June 16 to 30, 1936, were $38,825, all for personnel.

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

F:d

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

July 3, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I have to recommend the revocation of Department approval dated January 11, 1936, of the promotion of Arthur B. Strauch, Clerk in the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, from $1440 to $1560 per annum, the same never having been put into effect, and in lieu thereof, the promotion of Mr. Strauch from $1440 to $1620 per annum, without change in designation, effective July 1, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the amendment of Department approval of January 11, 1936 of the promotion of Albert L. Phillipus, Clerk in the Mint at Denver, Colorado, from $1620 to $1800 per annum, effective January 16, 1936, so as to make the same effective July 1, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,503
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	331,725,660
Minor -	139,062,349
Total -	1,017,868,512

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

E-8

Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Thomas W. Conville, Foreman of Whitening Room at $7.36 per diem, employed in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be retired from the service at the close of business June 30, 1936.

Mr. Conville reached the age of sixty-five years on June 12, 1936, and has served for more than eighteen years, making retirement compulsory at the end of June, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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July 10, 1936.

Mr. F. A. Birgfeld,
Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 30, and this Bureau submits the following estimate of essential needs covering the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1937, to be supplied under "Contingent Expenses, Treasury Department":

Carpets and Repairs	$25.00
File Holders and File Cases	200.00
Furniture	300.00
Labor-Saving Machines	900.00
Miscellaneous Items	200.00
Repairs to Labor-Saving Machines	25.00
Repairs to Typewriters	100.00
Typewriters	250.00
Total	$2,000.00

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R:d

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July 14, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,503
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	331,715,133
Minor -	139,062,150
Total -	1,017,857,786

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

July 15, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the probational appointment of Thomas P. Groody to the position of Skilled Workman in the Philadelphia Mint be cancelled. This appointment was approved by the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary on June 24, 1936. Mr. Groody has been found ineligible for appointment to this position by the Civil Service Commission.

Very truly yours,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

July 17, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Commissioner of Accounts and Deposits)
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In conformity with instructions in communication of July 8, 1936, there is transmitted herewith, in triplicate, report on Mint Service expenditures for the fiscal year 1935, on the basis required by the Select Committee on Investigation of Executive Agencies of the Government.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encls.

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July 17, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the name of Miss Virginia Mancuso, Stenographer at $1,440 per annum, employed in the Gold and Silver Unit of the Office of the Director of the Mint, Emergency Banking Roll, be changed to Mrs. Virginia Mancuso Potter, due to her recent marriage.

Very truly yours,

M. R. Gaddis

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

July 17, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval models for the fifty-cent piece in commemoration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of York County, Maine. The designs have the approval of the Fine Arts Commission as to their artistic merit. It is understood, however, that the date "1636" appearing twice on the obverse of the design shall, in one place, be removed, and that minor imperfections in the lettering be brought to perfection by the Mint engraver.

The weight, composition and dimensions of these coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half dollar piece.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Wayne Taylor.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 20, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1935, for the period July 1 to 15, 1936, were $43,086, all for personnel.

A rough estimate of the July 16 - 31 obligations is $50,000.

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

F-3

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

July 20, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

In answer to the communication from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, dated June 30, 1936, (File U-9434; SRR:BE:REH), the following reply has been received from Mr. M. A. Martin, Acting Assayer of the United States Mint in San Francisco, California, in regard to the change in status of Mr. Edward J. Murphy from Junior Assayer to Skilled Workman:

"Referring to the Director's letter of the 7th instant, enclosing a communication from the United States Civil Service Commission relative to the application of Edward J. Murphy, Junior Assayer in the Assay Department of the San Francisco Mint for a change in title, the facts in the case are as follows:

"While carried on the pay roll as a Junior Assayer, Mr. Murphy's duties are confined entirely to laboratory operations and are quite distinct from those of the other Junior Assayers. Like other laboratory employees he is in daily contact with the furnaces and with concentrated Nitric Acid, and like them, it would seem that he belongs in the 65 year retirement class, by reason of the hazardous nature of laboratory work.

"Upon two occasions in past years he has suffered from Nitric Acid burns necessitating treatment at the U. S. Marine Hospital; the most recent accident of this character was on July 19, 1933, when he sustained such severe acid burns on his right knee and left foot that he was unable to resume work until the 15th of the following month.

"Under the circumstances, I believe that his application for a change in title is wholly justified."

It is hoped that the above will answer the requirements of the Civil Service Commission in regard to the change in status requested for Mr. Murphy.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MMM

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

July 21, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the communication from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, dated July 16th, 1936, (File CX:JRW:gt) in regard to the number of guard appointments to be made by original selection from eligible registers in the Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The Director of the Mint is away at present on official business. Immediately upon her return, the question of appointments to be made from Civil Service registers will be called to her attention. It is not believed, however, that it will be necessary to hold any special examinations, as the administrative and clerical positions will be filled by the transfer of men trained in the Mint service. The guard positions will also be filled by transfer.

Very truly yours,

M. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

July 21, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Miss Laura E. Todd, Clerk, employed in the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, be retired from the service on account of total disability.

Attached are statements from Mr. Haggerty, the Superintendent of the Mint and her superior officer, and her physician testifying to Miss Todd's physical and mental condition.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

MMM

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

July 25, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24th, transmitting a note from the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Nicaragua, in which he states that his Government accepts the conditions and costs stipulated by the Treasury Department covering coinage for his Government.

The Director of the Mint has today been instructed to proceed as early as practicable with this coinage.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 27, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the effective date of appointment of Mr. Frederic Henderson Wright and Mr. Russell Buck Sinclair, who were appointed as Junior Assayers in the New York Assay Office, be amended from date of oath to July 1st, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

July 28, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that a bond in the sum of $25,000 be prepared for Mr. Russell J. Van Horne whose appointment as Chief Clerk in Charge of the United States Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky, became effective July 21, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MHH

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

July 29, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the founding of the capital of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of March 18, 1936.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 29, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with shipments of gold from the New York Assay Office and the Philadelphia Mint to the Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky, the War Department desires to detail General Lear on a trip of inspection to permit him to familiarize himself with physical conditions at the shipping points, and related matters. It is understood that his traveling expenses are to be paid from the appropriation made in connection with Fort Knox, which includes the cost of the bullion shipments.

This letter is being written for the purpose of requesting your approval of the expenditure from the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1937" for expenses incurred by General Lear in making this inspection trip.

Respectfully,

N. M. Reiley

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Wayne C. Taylor

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 1, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the letter dated June 30, 1936, recommending nine men for probational appointment to the position of Roller in the Philadelphia Mint, which was approved by the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary on July 2, 1936, be cancelled. This cancellation is requested because the above recommendation was forwarded to the Secretary's office for approval before it had been approved by the District Manager of the Third District. It also contained the name of Howard E. Dare which was subsequently removed.

The names recommended in the above letter were as follows:

David Fineberg	Vice	Samuel J. Weldin	Retired	3-31-35
Frank P. Steinmetz	"	Hugh A. Gray	Transferred	4-15-35
Thomas A. Cannon	"	Daniel D. Mullin	"	4-15-35
Ralph E. Kaufman	"	John Schwartz	"	4-15-35
John J. Murphy	"	Richard A. Robinson	Deceased	4-17-35
Howard E. Dare	"	Charles E. Braungart	Transferred	5-15-35
Francis J. Rhein	"	Francis P. Flanagan	"	7-31-35
Thomas J. O'Donnell	"	Charles S. Kulp	Retired	12-31-35
Anthony M. Anastasi	"	Fred V. Hedelt	"	5-31-36

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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August 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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August 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of the Bureau for the month ended July 31, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C'R/eh

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August 3, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

In connection with the communication from the Civil Service Commission dated July 20th, in regard to the methods used by Miss Virginia Marguerite McShane to establish her date of birth, you are advised that this matter was called to the attention of the Superintendent of the Mint in San Francisco.

Enclosed are communications from Mr. Haggerty and Miss McShane explaining the discrepancies in regard to the different dates of birth submitted by Miss McShane. Mr. Haggerty states that Miss McShane has been reprimanded for her failure to cooperate with the Civil Service authorities in this matter.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

MDM

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August 3, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937, for the period July 16 to 31, 1936, were $50,881, all for personnel.

F-S

W. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval photographs of models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of the charter to the city of Lynchburg, Virginia, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of May 28, 1936.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 3, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary;

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 1st, inclosing a copy of a note dated June 26, 1936, from the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Cuba, requesting in the name of his Government the coinage of twenty million silver pesos at the Mint in Philadelphia.

This coinage can be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia at the rate of $11.00 per thousand pieces. It is understood that the silver for this coinage will be delivered to the Mint from time to time in such quantities as the storage facilities at the Mint in Philadelphia will permit. The cost of the copper to be used in this coinage is included in the coinage charge of $11.00 per thousand pieces.

Upon receipt of advice from you that the terms above stated are acceptable to the Government of Cuba I shall take pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to proceed as early as practicable with this coinage.

Reply to that part of your letter which relates to the preparation of certificates will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 30, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29th, inclosing a copy of a note from the Chinese Ambassador, dated July 27th, together with a check for two thousand dollars as a deposit for defraying the necessary expenses in the manufacture and shipment of dies for Chinese coins being made at the Mint at Philadelphia.

The check has today been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 4, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The finally corrected estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	331,716,093
Minor -	139,057,119
Total -	1,017,853,376

Very truly yours,

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 4, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - -	334,997,287
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	140,335,680
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,022,413,131

Very truly yours,

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 4, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Bridgeport, Connecticut, as a city, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of May 15, 1936.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Wayne C. Taylor

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 8, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the date of the death of Laurence Harold Theaman, Skilled Laborer in the U. S. Assay Office, New York City, be amended from July 20, to July 19, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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August 11, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

In connection with the request of the Superintendent of the United States Mint in San Francisco for a change in status from Junior Assayer to Skilled Workman for Mr. Edward J. Murphy, the following communication has been received from Mr. M. A. Martin, Acting Assayer of this Mint, in regard to the duties to be assigned to Mr. Murphy as Skilled Workman:

"The duties of Edward J. Murphy as skilled workman in the Assay Department of this Mint will be as follows:

a- The volumetric assaying of silver bullion by the Gay-Lussac method.
b- The cupelling of gold and silver bullion assays when required.
c- The separation of gold and silver in the parting process when required.
d- The cutting, rolling and standardizing by weight of assay sheet lead for cupelling purposes.

"In the volumetric assay of silver bullion, which will constitute in the future, as has in the past, the chief part of Mr. Murphy's duties, and in the parting process, his occupation will be distinctly hazardous inasmuch as he will be constantly handling both cold and boiling Nitric Acid, either of which causes a serious burn if it comes into contact with the skin."

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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August 11, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Charles W. Gray, Junior Accountant, employed in the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, be given an increase in salary from $1,800 per annum to $1,920 per annum, effective August 16, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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August 12, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find estimated requirements of the Mint Establishment for the fiscal year 1938, under the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, as per your request of August 6, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

F-S

Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	335,000,054
Minor -	140,335,563
Total -	1,022,415,781

Very truly yours,

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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August 1[illegible], 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the effective date of the promotions recommended for the following-named employees of the U. S. Assay Office in New York City be amended from date of oath to August 15, 1936:

Regular

Culler, Helen L.
Gifford, Howard T.
Hatter, Bernard V.

Emergency

Smith, Harry McLain
Clayton, Luke Joseph
Gibbs, John Gerard
Holmes, Joseph Stewart
Mendoza, Alexander Richard
Schlossberg, Norman Nathan
Shaughness, Robert Bradley
Zurn, George
Fleischer, Joseph
Haddad, Ellen Marie
Lundy, Vincent Paul
McGrath, Richard Thomas
Sexton, Benjamin Curran

Respectfully,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

RsM

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August 17, 1936.

Mr. F. A. Birgfeld,
Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Mr. Birgfeld:

Will you interpose any objection to the transfer of Edwin J. Buckner, Charles J. Larkin, Theodore E. Johnson, and Clarence L. Kernek, guards employed in your office, to guard positions at $1,680 per annum, in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky?

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

H:M

August 18, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937, for the period August 1 to 15, 1936, were $44,380, all for personnel.

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

F:d

August 18, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the recommendation for the appointment of Mr. Charles F. Schauwecker to the position of Assistant Chief Clerk and Accountant at $2,600 per annum, in the United States Bullion Depository, Fort Knox, Kentucky, effective date of oath, be cancelled.

Since recommendation was made of Mr. Schauwecker's assignment, it develops that a physical disability which he had thought was only temporary persists to a degree that makes it inadvisable for him to accept the assignment.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1936.

Mr. F. A. Birgfeld,
Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Mr. Birgfeld:

Will you interpose any objection to the transfer of Frederick W. Maerz, E. O. Davis, and Ira C. Finney, guards employed in your office, to guard positions at $1,680 per annum, in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky?

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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August 20, 1936.

Mr. F. A. Birgfeld,
Chief Clerk and Contact Officer,
California Pacific International Exposition,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your letter of August 19 in regard to the Mint Exhibit now at San Diego, California.

I have to request that you will designate Mr. George Oberndoerfer, a Treasury employee now at the Federal Building, Balboa Park, San Diego, California, to direct the packing and shipping of the Mint Exhibit now at the Exposition in San Diego to the United States Treasury, Washington. It is understood that part of this consignment will subsequently be sent from Washington to the Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that a request be made upon the Civil Service Commission to furnish a certificate of eligibles in order that selection may be made to fill one position of Mechanic (electrician-engineer) at $2,000 per annum, in the United States Gold Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:M

August 20, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. George E. Hicks, now serving as Clerk at $2,900 per annum in the United States Assay Office, New York City, be transferred to the position of Assistant Chief Clerk and Accountant, at $2,800 per annum, in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The creation of the above position was approved by the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary on June 11, 1936. Mr. Hicks is to take the place of Mr. Schaumecker who was compelled to decline the position on account of illness.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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August 22, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 19, 1936, transmitting a copy and translation of Note Number 526 of August 7, 1936 from the Minister of Venezuela giving more detailed information regarding the coinage his Government desires to have executed at the Philadelphia Mint.

I submit the following estimate of metals required and coinage costs:

SILVER COIN

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Fineness Silver	Fine Ounces Silver	Cost per M Pieces
2,000,000	5 Bolivars	900	1,446,750.00	$11.00
2,500,000	2 "	835	671,131.25	6.50
4,000,000	1 Bolivar	835	536,905.00	4.50
600,000	½ "	835	40,267.88	3.25
2,800,000	¼ "	835	93,958.37	3.00
			2,789,012.50	

The costs of manufacturing include alloy copper and working dies. Changes in date of master dies or new designs if required, and shipping boxes will be extra.

NICKEL COIN

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Metal Content	Pounds Avoirdupois Nickel	Pounds Avoirdupois Copper	Cost per M pieces
1,200,000	12½ Centimos	25% Ni 75% Cu	3,306.8571	9,920.5714	$ 2.75
5,000,000	5 "	" "	6,889.2857	20,667.8571	2.00
			10,196.1428	30,588.4285	

For the Nickel coinage, metal required, change in date of master dies or new designs and shipping boxes will be in addition to the above costs. Working dies are included in the estimates.

It is understood that all coins are to be similar to those of the same denomination made during 1935.

The coinage will require approximately eighty (80) regular working

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of State

days from receipt of dies, subject, however, to domestic coinage demands, or prior orders.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 24, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Robert C. Randall, now employed as a guard in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, be transferred to the position of guard at $1,680 per annum, in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky, effective date of oath; compensation to be payable from the regular appropriation of the Mints and Assay Offices.

It is understood that no objection will be interposed to Mr. Randall's transfer.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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August 24, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Carroll H. Baker, now employed as a clerk in the Office of the Register of the Treasury, be transferred to the position of guard at $1,680 per annum, in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky, effective date of oath; compensation to be payable from the regular appropriation of the Mints and Assay Offices.

It is understood that no objection will be interposed to this transfer.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

R.M

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August 22, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 27, 1936, enclosing a copy of a note dated June 25 from the Chinese Ambassador in regard to an order given by Mr. K. E. Chen for three sample coins each of two sizes of the following finenesses: 425, 500, 720 and 800. The Philadelphia Mint was instructed under date of June 29 to proceed with the preparation of these specimen strikes.

The Philadelphia Mint reports that much difficulty is being encountered in preparing the "security edge" (reeded edge with beaded groove) by any of the usual methods of coinage. It will be necessary to make extensive experiments before the Mint can successfully produce the unusual type of edge desired. It is believed that the desired result can be attained by employing a "segmented" collar similar to the ones formerly used in striking United States gold coins. These segmented collars can be produced, one for each denomination (the quarter and half dollar), at an approximate cost of between $200 and $400, depending upon the experimental work involved. As this is considerably in excess of the cost of preparing dies and collars of the solid ring type, I have the honor to request that the Chinese Ambassador be advised of the cost of producing the type of edge required in order that this Department may be authorized to incur the expense incident to the experiments necessary to produce the "security edge".

I am forwarding specimens struck in the four alloys asked for from the half and one dollar dies now at the Mint in Philadelphia. Some time may be saved by reaching a decision, as to the alloy to be used, in anticipation of the ultimate success of the Mint in producing the "security edge" to be placed on the quarter and half dollars.

As of possible interest to the Chinese Mint at Shanghai, the following is submitted:

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of State.

The planchets for the enclosed coins were double annealed.

The blows required for coinage were as follows:

Fine	1 Dollar	1/2 Dollar
.800	175 tons	150 tons
.720	200 "	160 "
.500	200 "	150 "
.425	200 "	150 "

Very truly yours,

Wayne C Taylor

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Enclosures.

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August 25, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that thirty-three guard positions at $1,680 per annum be created in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky; compensation to be payable from the regular appropriation of the Mints and Assay Offices.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:M

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

September 9, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval photographs of models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the city of Albany, New York, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of June 16, 1936.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Fine Arts Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 11, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 10th, inclosing a copy of a translation of a note dated September 9, 1936, received from the Venezuelan Legation, in which it is stated that the Legation accepts the terms made for executing certain coinage for the Government of Venezuela.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to cause the Mint at Philadelphia to proceed immediately with the preparation of this coinage.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 14, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Miss Laura E. Todd, Clerk, employed in the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, be dropped from the roll at the close of business August 31, 1936, for retirement under section 6.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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September 14, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	337,840,332
Minor -	141,749,486
Total -	1,026,669,982

Very truly yours,

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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September 18, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the following-named men be appointed as temporary helpers in the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, with compensation at the rate of $5.00 per diem payable from the regular appropriation of the Mints and Assay Offices, effective date of oath, for a period not to exceed ninety days:

Henton, Walter E.
Kavanagh, John C.
Linemeyer, Clarence B.
McCabe, Hugh D.
Mort, Claude E.
Muray, George L.
Schmurr, Joseph L.
Stortz, John C., Jr.
Tulk, William B.

Formal approval of the temporary appointments of the above-named men has been obtained from the District Manager of the Thirteenth District and will be forwarded immediately upon its receipt in this office.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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September 18, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937, for the period September 1 to 15, 1936, were $43,765, all for personnel.

Nellie Darlee Ross

F-S Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. William H. Tamblyn, Blacksmith, employed in the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, be retired from the service at the close of business August 31, 1936, on account of reaching the retirement age.

Mr. Tamblyn reached the age of 65 years in 1933, and has served for fifteen years, making retirement compulsory in August, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

September 25, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

The following is quoted from a letter received from the New York Assay Office in regard to the amount of salary paid to Mr. Peter Palumbo for November 9 and 10, 1925:

"Mr. Palumbo was transferred from the Department of Labor and Immigration Service, Ellis Island, New York, and entered the employ of this Office on November 9th, 1925 at $4.00 per diem.

"On November 16th, 1925, he was paid in cash for the period beginning November 9th and ending November 15th, 1925, (both dates inclusive). The gross amount of his pay was $24.00, less 2-1/2% retirement deduction, leaving $23.40.

"This was on voucher No. 141, check No. 841 in the amount of $9,594.02, the total amount of our cash pay roll for the period, November 1st - 15th, (both dates inclusive), and the symbol number was 15-109.

"His salary for November 9th and 10th, 1925, would be as follows:

Gross amount,	$8.00
Less 2-1/2% Retirement Deduction	.20
Net amount,	$7.80"

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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September 26, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Reference is made to memorandum of September 2, 1936, indicating a revised estimate, by months, of Mint Service field requirements for the current fiscal year, under the Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts.

It is requested that the following further revision be recorded:

Personnel expenses for June, 1937, reduce from $59,000.00 to $54,000.00.

Expenses for other than personnel add for the month of September, 1936, $5,000.00.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Z-S

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September 17, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that a bond in the penal sum of $5,000 be prepared for Mrs. Florence E. Leonard, who was promoted to the position of Chief Clerk of the New Orleans Mint on September 8, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

October 5, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of September 30, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	341,392,975
Minor -	143,180,678
Total -	1,031,653,817

Very truly yours,

N. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 12, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in celebration of the opening of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of June 26, 1936.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Wayne C. Taylor

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 14, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of September 30, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	341,412,099
Minor -	143,180,670
Total -	1,031,672,933

Very truly yours,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

October 15, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am inclosing a letter received by the Director of the Mint from the Banco Internacional De Costa Rica, relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Costa Rica. In response to a request from the Bank, the Director of the Mint has compiled an estimate covering the cost of this coinage should it eventually be authorized:

No. of pieces	Denomination	Composition	Price per M pieces
2,000,000	5 Centimos	95% copper, 4% zinc, 1% tin	$2.50

METAL REQUIRED
Lbs. Avd.

Copper	Tin	Zinc
4188.6857	176.3657	44.0914

The above price includes working dies. The Mint is in position to furnish the copper, tin and zinc at prices paid for these metals on the last purchases made, which prices were obtained on competitive bids. The change of date in the master die will be $25.00. The boxes for shipping will be extra, and can be furnished at $0.75 each.

The coins are to be similar to those of the same denomination made at the Mint in 1929 with the exception of the date, which will be 1936.

The time required for finishing the coinage will be twenty-five regular working days from the receipt of the dies by the Coining Department, depending upon the demand for domestic coinage, and orders for foreign coinage placed in advance of, when and if this order is placed.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 19, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937, for the period October 1 to 15, 1936, were $44,566, all for personnel.

W M Rasell

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. John B. Hobson, Helper at $5.55 per diem in the Denver Mint, be retired from the service October 31, 1936, on account of age.

Mr. Hobson reached the age of 65 years on October 15, and has served for more than thirty years, making retirement compulsory at the close of business October 31, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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October 19, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended September 30, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

October 19, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

October 20, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the designation of Hon. Nellie Tayloe Ross as Division Chairman for the Community Chest.

As Mrs. Ross is out of town and will not return until after the first of November, I submit for your approval the name of Mr. Timothy J. Quirk to act as Chairman for the Bureau of the Mint.

Very truly yours,

M. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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October 21, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In conformity with directions of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated October 17, 1936, relative to data concerning information service furnished by the Department, I have to advise that none of the mentioned services or equipment are maintained by the Mint Establishment, although occasional releases are made of data, as follows:

One sheet containing annual estimate of the gold and silver production of the United States.

One sheet, monthly and annually, showing coinage executed by the United States mints.

One sheet weekly, showing receipts of gold and silver by the mints and assay offices (supplied to the Secretary's Public Relations Assistant).

The preparation of each of these items is estimated to require, on the average, the time of one clerk for one hour.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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Oct. 21, 1936

Honorable A. Willis Robertson,
Lexington, Va.

My dear Mr. Robertson:

In compliance with your request of October 19, 1936, I am pleased to advise that the cost of silver purchased by the Government since the Silver Purchase Act became effective, which has been delivered and taken into the accounts, has been as follows:

Purchase Act silver bullion from June 19, 1934 to September 30, 1936 - - - - - -	$538,865,000.80
Nationalized silver bullion from August 9, 1934 to September 30, 1936 - - - -	56,499,296.24
Newly mined domestic silver from July 1, 1934 to September 30, 1936 - - - - - -	70,290,822.09
Silver contained in gold bullion deposits, etc., July 1, 1934 to September 30, 1936 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	571,145.91
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	666,226,265.04

Very truly yours,

Wayne C. Taylor

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 23, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

The communication from the United States Civil Service Commission dated October 19th, regarding the request of this Bureau to waive objections on account of physical disability to the probational appointments as guards in the Philadelphia Mint of John Lacher, William J. Beckman, William Aldredge, and George Enz, has been received in the absence of the Director of the Mint. Immediately upon her return sometime next month, this letter will be called to her attention.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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October 24, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Attached are completed form 2806 for Mr. Roy G. Russell, formerly a melter employed in the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, and application for refund of retirement deductions signed by Mr. Russell.

As you will note, Mr. Russell was discharged from the service due to his theft of uncurrent and rejected 1936 silver coins from the Denver Mint. Although Mr. Russell voluntarily signed a confession that he had been taking silver coins from the melting room since March, 1935, up to about two months before he was discharged, in an amount he judged to be between $100 and $125, the evidence against him is entirely circumstantial.

It is requested that the Civil Service Commission be asked to make a decision as to whether or not this amount should be deducted from Mr. Russell's retirement fund. A letter bearing on the case signed by Mr. Skinner, Superintendent of the Denver Mint, is attached.

Very truly yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

MDM

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October 27, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

It is requested that the present bonds of the following-named employees of the Philadelphia Mint be increased in the amounts shown due to recent changes in titles:

Name	Title	Date	Amount
Watson, Bernard J.	Foreman of Shipping Room	10-16-36	$8,000
Loser, Earl G.	Bookkeeper	10-23-36	5,000
Loftus, Eugene A.	Foreman of Electricians	4-16-36	3,000
Hamilton, Franklin B.	Foreman Plumber and Steamfitter	10-16-34	5,000

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDH

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October 27, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint dated October 20, 1936, for an extension of 90 days of the temporary appointment of Elizabeth White, Sewing Woman, at $4.00 per diem, be cancelled for the reason that Mrs. White resigned October 3, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDN

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Dear Madam:

The President on November 11, 1935, indicated his approval of the use, to the extent necessary, of silver bullion acquired pursuant to section 7 of the Silver Purchase Act of 1934, which is not held as security for silver certificates, for the purpose of coining subsidiary silver coins.

Under date of November 20, 1935, the Director of the Mint was authorized by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury to use up to the amount of 20,000,000 ounces of such silver for coining subsidiary silver coins.

This communication shall be your authority to use an additional amount of up to 20,000,000 ounces, or a total of up to 40,000,000 ounces for coining subsidiary silver coin.

Very truly yours,

Wayne C Taylor

Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable

The Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the communication received from the United States Civil Service Commission (File: SRR:HM:AZ) regarding the political activity of Mr. Dennis G. White, a temporary helper employed in the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

The copy of form 1236, enclosed by the Commission, was forwarded to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint with instructions to hand this copy to Mr. White and call his particular attention to the sections pertaining to political activity in the Civil Service rules and to sections 118 and 119 of the Criminal Code. He was also instructed to caution Mr. White to refrain from further political activity.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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October 28, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the recommendation for the transfer of Mr. Robert C. Randall from the position of guard in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the position of guard in the United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky, dated August 24, 1936, be cancelled.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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October 30, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the recommendation for the transfer of Mr. George E. Hicks, Clerk in the United States Assay Office, New York City, to the position of Assistant Chief Clerk and Accountant in the United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky, be cancelled.

Due to the death of Mr. Charles F. Schauwecker, Bookkeeper at the Assay Office, it will be necessary to retain Mr. Hick's services in the New York Assay Office.

Very truly yours,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MIM

N. M. O'Reilly

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November 5, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937, for the period October 16 to 31, 1936, were $46,413, all for personnel.

F-S

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

November 3, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended October 31, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

H. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O'R/eh

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November 4, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - -	345,725,900
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	144,713,940
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,037,520,004

Very truly yours,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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November 4, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Edward F. McKernan, Skilled Workman at $2,400 per annum in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, be retired from the service, on account of age, at the close of business October 31, 1936.

Mr. McKernan reached the age of 65 years on October 24, and has served for twenty-two years, making retirement compulsory at the close of October, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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November 4, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. John J. Bergen, Melter at $6.56 per diem in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, be retired from the service, on account of age, at the close of business October 31, 1936.

Mr. Bergen reached the age of 65 years on October 12th, and has served for twenty years, making retirement compulsory at the close of October, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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November 5, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In response to your circular letter of November 3rd, I am inclosing a list of the outstanding indebtedness on account of the California-Pacific International Exposition, indicating the amounts paid from the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1935".

To this total amount should be added the charges for freight, covering shipment of cases received at the Treasury Department from San Diego and trans-shipped to New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.
O'R/eh

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November 9, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

You are advised that Mr. Edward F. McKernan, Skilled Workman employed at the Philadelphia Mint, whose bond expires on December 3, 1936, was retired from the service at the close of business October 31, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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November 9, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the title of Mr. Eugene A. Loftus on his new bond in the amount of $3,000 be changed from Foreman of Electricians to Assistant Foreman of Electricians. The change in title requested by this office in our letter of October 27th was in error.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

November 14, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the recommendation, dated August 19th, for the appointment of Mr. Philip Lawrence Smith as a guard at $1,680 per annum on the emergency roll of the New York Assay Office, effective date of oath, be cancelled, as Mr. Smith never reported for duty.

Very truly yours,

M. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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November 14, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of Domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	345,737,144
Minor -	144,713,913
Total -	1,037,531,221

Very truly yours,

M. D. Reily

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 17, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the Civil Service Commission be requested to hold a noncompetitive examination in dictation and typing subjects for Mr. Joseph J. Swicker, a Clerk employed in the Bureau of the Mint.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

November 18, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the effective date of the appointment of Mr. William Henry Van Esselstine, Platinum Spinner at $2,300 per annum, in the New York Assay Office, be amended from date of oath, as recommended in letter of September 3rd, to November 1, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

The Honorable
The Acting Comptroller General of the United States,
General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith enclosed please find copy of a final sheet of Bullion Account Current being regularly rendered to your office by the Mint Establishment, on which appears the form of accountable officer's certificate.

A reprint of the form is to be made; therefore your approval is requested of a revised form of the certificate to cover the situation whereby the Chief Disbursing Officer accounts for all other moneys received by mint accountable officers than those pertaining to the Bullion Fund as reported on special account current form No. 948-A to E, inclusive. As indicated on the inclosed copy of Form 948 E, it is proposed to revise the present certificate by deleting the words "reported in the following account rendered under said bond: Regular and Special Deposit Account" and substituting therefor "for delivery to the Chief Disbursing Officer."

Very truly yours,

William G. McAdoo

Secretary of the Treasury.

Enclosures.

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November 24, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Reference is made to the communication from the Civil Service Commission (File SRR:HM:M'K), regarding political activity on the part of Vito A. Acquaviva, John J. Cleary, and Joseph Tomaszewski, emergency employees of the United States Mint in Philadelphia.

This matter was called to the attention of the Superintendent of this institution for his action and report. The following letter has been received from him:

"Reference is made to your letter of the 29th of October concerning political activity on the part of certain temporary employees.

"I am advised that Vito A. Acquaviva has been confined to his home because of serious illness for several days and will not be able to report for duty for some time; however, upon his return I shall take up the matter.

"I have personally interviewed Messrs. John J. Cleary and Joseph Tomaszewski, and both have signed statements to the effect that they are, in no way, politically active."

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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November 25, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury:

Reference is made to the letter of Judge Rosenman, dated November 23, 1936, relating to commemorative coins, which you sent yesterday to the Bureau of the Mint with a request for a memorandum.

Without doubt the complaint is well founded that abuses do exist in connection with the handling of commemorative coins by sponsoring agencies and dealers.

I bring to your attention the inconsistencies in the various legislative acts authorizing commemorative coins. You will note, for example, in the act authorizing the Arkansas coin, there is no restriction or requirement whatever as to whether the coins shall be made at one or all three of the mints, nor as to the number of coins that shall be taken at any given time from the 500,000 to be coined. The act says they shall be issued "in such numbers and at such times as they shall be requested by such Commission." (Arkansas Centennial Celebration Commission). It would be possible for a call to be made for 500 or less, periodically, on through the future for years and years.

The same is true of the Spanish Trail coins, the Hudson, and others, except that there is variation in the number authorized.

The act providing for the Cincinnati coin calls for 15,000 pieces, which may be taken "all at one time or at separate times and in separate amounts, as the Committee may determine," and "at the Mints."

The Congress has awakened, apparently, to the abuses that are developing in relation to these special coins. The act authorizing the Long Island coin, and succeeding acts pertaining to commemorative issues, have practically all specified that they be made at "a" mint, and further specified the minimum number to be withdrawn at any one time; also that none may be taken after one year from passage of the act.

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It has been the practice in previous years, I am told, for the Director of the Mint to be asked to appear before the Committee on Coinage, and the Committee on Banking and Currency, when measures like these were under consideration, to comment upon the feasibility of the proposed legislation, and to discuss the various features in the bills.

As for the proposal that a numismatic agency be set up by the Treasury Department to handle commemorative coins, persons on the outside do not, I think, envision the complications such a plan would involve. It would not parallel the government's policy pertaining to stamps. There is no intrinsic value in material going into stamps. Stamps are handled solely by the government; not sponsored by local organizations for profit, to defray costs of local enterprises which frequently are of no general interest to the public at large.

A selling agency set up by the government would mean an undertaking, by it, to assist these commercial enterprises - a sort of implied partnership. It would involve advertising, to arouse public interest, and, in my opinion, would not only be impracticable, but would compromise the dignity of the Treasury Department.

Nellie Tayloe Ross

NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS
Director of the Mint.

R:W

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

December 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of the Bureau for the month ended November 30, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Enclosed is a report from the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, stating the age of Mr. Jesse Reynolds at the Census of 1910, taken as of April 15th. Mr. Reynolds has been recommended for reinstatement in the Government service on the regular roll of the Denver Mint in the capacity of Unskilled Laborer at $4.25 per diem.

Inasmuch as the report of the Census Bureau indicates that his date of birth was April 1, 1898 and the records of the Civil Service Commission show the same date, it is requested that the record of the Commission stand.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure
R:M

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December 2, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 2nd, relative to the document entitled "Reports to be made to Congress". This Office makes no direct report to Congress.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1936.

Mr. F. A. Birgfeld,
Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Mr. Birgfeld:

Will you interpose any objection to the transfer of Mr. James H. Royal, guard employed in your office, to a guard position at $1,680 per annum in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky?

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 3, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the following-named men, now employed as guards in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, be transferred, effective date of oath, to guard positions at $1,680 per annum in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky; compensation to be payable from the regular appropriation of the Mints and Assay Offices:

Buckner, Edwin V. Kernek, Clarence L.
Johnson, Theodore E. Maerz, Frederick W.

It is understood that no objections will be interposed to the above transfers.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 3, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Mr. Julius S. Kalapos, who is employed on the emergency roll in the Gold Unit of the Office of the Director of the Mint, was confined, from September 16, until October 5 at 12:30 P. M., to a hospital where he underwent a surgical operation.

It is respectfully requested that Mr. Kalapos be advanced ten days sick leave to cover the period from September 25 at 1:00 P. M., to October 5 at 12:30 P. M. This represents the amount of sick leave that he would earn from November 1, 1936, through June 30, 1937, the date of the expiration of his emergency appointment.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 3, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the following-named men, now employed as guards in the National Park Service of the Department of Interior, be transferred, effective date of oath, to guard positions at $1,680 per annum, in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky; compensation to be payable from the regular appropriation of the Mints and Assay Offices:

Black, Felix G.
Dowling, Michael J.
Howard, Virgil H.
Shurte, Clarence E.
Wilson, Leo D.

It is understood that no objections will be interposed to the above transfers.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 3, 1936.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937, for the period November 1 to 30, 1936, were $86,102, all for personnel.

F-S

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

December 4, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - -	351,120,650
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	145,804,549
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,044,005,363

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

S-S

Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the salary of Mr. Llynos R. Leonard, whose probational appointment to the position of charman-chauffeur in the United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky, was approved by the Acting Administrative Assistant to the Secretary on September 19, 1936, be amended from $900.00 per annum to $1,080 per annum, in order to conform to the minimum rate of pay for Classification Grade CU-2.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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December 5, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the salaries of Mr. Edward J. Boutell and Mr. Lloyd Martin, whose probational appointments as firemen-laborers in the United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky, were approved by the Acting Administrative Assistant to the Secretary on October 27th and October 23rd, 1936, respectively, be amended from $1,260 per annum, to $1,200 per annum, in order to conform to the minimum salary rate of Classification Grade CU-3.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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December 7, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. James H. Hapenny, Skilled Workman at $7.00 per diem in the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, be retired from the service at the close of November, 1936.

Mr. Hapenny reached the age of 65 years on November 21st, and has more than 28 years' service, making retirement compulsory at the end of November.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the date of the termination of the services of Mr. Ezekiel Parke Ellis, Weigh Clerk at $1,620 per annum, on the emergency roll of the United States Mint at New Orleans, Louisiana, be amended from August 31, 1936, to September 6, 1936, in order that he may be allowed the total amount of annual leave due him. Mr. Ellis' services were terminated because of a reduction in force.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. William P. Muncaster, Bookkeeper at $2,600 per annum, employed in the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, be retired from the service on account of disability.

Attached are statements from Mr. Muncaster's physician and his immediate supervisor, the Chief Clerk of the Denver Mint, regarding his physical condition.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

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December 8, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Mrs. Alta H. Buck, who is employed as a File Clerk on the emergency roll in the Gold Unit of the Office of the Director of the Mint, has just recently recovered from an illness which necessitated her confinement in a hospital where she underwent a surgical operation.

It is respectfully requested that Mrs. Buck be granted an extension of 8-3/4 days sick leave as requested in her application.

Very truly yours,

M. M. Leech

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

December 9, 1936.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of circular letter dated December 8th, directing that the deposit of bulk mail be effected before December 15th or deferred as far as possible until after December 24th.

This Bureau will conform with the instructions.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C'R/eh

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December 10, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the following positions be created at the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky:

22 guard positions, CU-6, at $1,680 per annum.
1 captain of the guard, CU-7, at $1,860 per annum.

Twenty-four regular guard positions have been approved by the Bureau of the Budget for the fiscal year 1938. With this in mind, I request that ten positions, in addition to the twelve already provided for this year, be approved in order to insure adequate protection of the Depository at all times. Inasmuch as the guards will not be appointed until January, sufficient funds will be available to compensate the additional guards for the balance of this fiscal year. The position of captain of the guard is requested in lieu of two of the twenty-four guard positions provided for 1938.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 10, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Chester R. Lightfritz, now employed as guard at the Veterans' Administration Facility in Salt Lake City, Utah, be transferred to the position of guard, CU-6, at $1,680 per annum, in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky; compensation to be payable from the regular appropriation of the Mints and Assay Offices.

It is understood that no objection will be interposed to the transfer of Mr. Lightfritz.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 10, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the following-named men, now employed as guards in the National Park Service of the Department of Interior, be transferred, effective date of oath, to guard positions, Grade CU-6, at $1,680 per annum, in the United States Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky; compensation to be payable from the regular appropriation of the Mints and Assay Offices:

Ballance, Clifford C.
Bowman, Willie O.
Gill, Charles F.
Lightfritz, Chester R.

It is understood that no objections will be interposed to the above transfers.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 10, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the following-named men, now employed in the Chief Clerk's Office of the Treasury Department, be transferred, effective date of oath, to guard positions, Grade CU-6, at $1,680 per annum, in the United States Gold Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky; compensation to be payable from the regular appropriation of the Mints and Assay Offices:

Royal, James H.
Finney, Ira I.
Larkin, Charles J.

It is understood that no objections will be interposed to the above transfers.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 10, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. George Koch, now employed as Guard at $1,680 per annum, in the New York Assay Office, be transferred, effective date of oath, to the position of Captain of the Guard, CU-7, at $1,860 per annum; compensation to be payable from the regular appropriation of the Mints and Assay Offices.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R.M

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

December 10, 1936.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of Domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	351,129,453
Minor -	145,804,549
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,044,014,166

Very truly yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 8th, in reference to our letter of October 1, 1936, in regard to an order for certain sample coins to be made at the Mint at Philadelphia for the Chinese Central Mint and inclosing a copy of a note of December 4, 1936, from the Chinese Ambassador, transmitting an order for a set of dollar master hubs to be shipped as soon as possible.

The Director of the Mint has today been instructed to cause the master dies to be prepared and forwarded to the Chinese Central Mint without delay.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

December 15, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the position of Weigher, at a salary of $2,300 per annum, be created in the Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky; compensation to be payable from the appropriation, "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1936-1937."

It is further recommended that Mr. Albert B. Evans, now employed as Junior Assayer at $7.00 per diem, in the New York Assay Office, be transferred to the above proposed position; appointment to become effective on date of oath.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 16, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

It is requested that the present bond of Mr. Ralph Roland be increased to $25,000 due to his promotion to the position of Chief Clerk and Assistant Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint on July 8, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

December 16, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have received the communication from the Civil Service Commission (File X:LCD:KLM:MW), regarding the request made by this office for the physical re-examination of John Lacher, William J. Beckman, William Aldredge, and George Enz, in order that they might be appointed to permanent positions as guards on the regular roll of the Philadelphia Mint.

Certainly, it is not my intention that the physical standards required of guards in the Mints be lowered. Request was made that reconsideration be given by the Commission to the rejection of these four men, who were disqualified, for the reason that they appear physically stalwart and are satisfactorily performing guard duty at the Mint with no indication of physical impairment. Mention is made of Mr. Enz's hearing being defective in one ear. His superiors tell me that they have never discerned, in conversation, that Mr. Enz's hearing was not normal.

By no means, has my interest waned in having strong, healthy men in our Service as guards, and if the report of the Medical Director does not support the impression I had that the men under discussion were in good health, I can only acquiesce in the Commission's rejection of them.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

December 21, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reference to this office dated December 15th, regarding the number of Floridians holding non-civil service positions in the Bureau of the Mint.

You are advised that there are no Floridians holding non-civil service positions in the Bureau of the Mint.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

December 21, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the effective date of the promotion of Mr. Archibald John McDermid from Junior Assayer at $6.00 per diem to Junior Assayer at $2,000 per annum, be amended from date of oath to January 1, 1937.

The above promotion was approved by the Acting Administrative Assistant to the Secretary on December 15, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

December 21, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the communication from the Civil Service Commission (File SRR:EWW:RFM R-401835), regarding any indebtedness of Mr. Roy G. Russell, formerly employed in the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, to the Government.

Since there was no method of determining definitely what items or total amount of metal taken, the Mint Bureau is in no position to establish any claim against Mr. Russell for reimbursement.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 22, 1936.

Hon. Vic Donahey,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 11th, transmitting a copy of a bill "To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Col. Benjamin Logan's Expedition and destruction of the last great Indian stronghold in Ohio".

As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be required before a commemorative coin could be issued. The Treasury Department would, of course, not be in position to initiate such legislation and we have no way of knowing whether or not favorable action would be taken by Congress on such a measure.

So many special commemorative coins have been issued already that they constitute a source of confusion in our coinage system. The multiplicity of designs for our coins is seriously objectionable. The policy of the Government has been to issue as few designs as possible, so the public may become familiar with each, and thereby know what are genuine and what are not genuine coins. The Treasury is required to maintain the integrity of the coinage, and this is difficult to do unless the number of designs is reduced to a minimum. Congress recognized the need of limiting the designs of our coins when, after due consideration, it provided in Section 3510 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., Title 31, section 276) that

> "* * * no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in 25 years from and including the year of the first adoption of the design, model, die, or hub for the same coin * * *".

The practice of issuing commemorative coins to provide profits for projects or celebrations other than to commemorate events of great national importance is growing and is unwise. These coins do not serve generally as a circulating medium, which is the only legitimate function of coins.

Your good wishes for the holiday season are sincerely reciprocated.

Very truly yours,

H. Morgenthau Jr.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 23, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments.)

Sir:

Following is a table showing the number of employees in the Mint service, departmental and field, who were receiving compensation at the rate of $4,000 or more on November 30, 1936:

Rate of Compensation	In Washington			In Field			Total
	Regular Appropriations		Emergency Funds	Regular Appropriations		Emergency Funds	
	Perm.	Temp.		Perm.	Temp.		
$4000-4999	2	--	--	16	--	--	18
5000-7999	1	--	--	4	--	--	5
8000-or more	1	--	--	--	--	--	1
Totals	4	--	--	20	--	--	24

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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December 28, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Sten O. Westerlind, now employed as a guard in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, be transferred to the position of Guard, CU-6, at $1,680 per annum, effective date of oath, in the United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky; compensation to be payable from the appropriation, "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1936-1937."

It is understood that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will interpose no objection to the above transfer.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

December 24, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval a photograph of the model for one side of the fifty-cent piece issued in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Arkansas into the Union, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of June 26, 1936, which Act also authorized the change in the design on the reverse side.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The design, as to artistic merit, has the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Joseph Rowe

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 29, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Supplementing letter to you dated November 24th (U. S. Civil Service Commission, File SRR:HM:M'K), concerning political activity on the part of Vito A. Acquaviva, John J. Cleary, and Joseph Tomaszewski, emergency employees of the Philadelphia Mint, you are advised that Mr. Vito A. Acquaviva has now returned to duty and has signed a statement to the effect that he is in no way politically active.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

RG104 E-235 Vol 478

January 4, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 478

January 4, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of the Bureau for the month ended December 31, 1936, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Sir:

Will you please request the War Department to furnish the following ordnance to the United States Gold Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky:

30	Revolvers, .45 caliber
6	12-Guage Repeating shot-guns (riot guns)
30	Belts for the revolvers
30	Holsters for the revolvers
10,000	Rounds Ammunition, .45 caliber
2	Cases 00 Buckshot for riot guns
2	Kits, cleaning rods and material.

These supplies are considered necessary for the protection of government funds and property.

Yours very truly,

Nellie Taylor Ross

NELLIE TAYLOR ROSS
Director of the Mint.

H:W

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Jan. 8, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Sir:

Will you please request the War Department to furnish the following supplies to the United States Gold Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky:

2,000 Targets, 20 yards, Standard

2,000 Targets, 20 yards, Rapid fire.

These supplies are considered necessary to assist in the protection of government funds and property.

Yours very truly,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS
Director of the Mint.

R:W

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January 8, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Sir:

Will you please request the War Department to furnish the following supplies to the United States Depository, at Fort Knox, Kentucky:

6 Gas masks, Army type.

These are considered necessary for the protection of government funds and property.

Yours very truly,

Nellie Taylor Ross

NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS
Director of the Mint.

R:W

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January 8, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Sir:

Will you please request the War Department to furnish the following supplies to the United States Gold Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky:

20 Gas grenades, CN

10 Gas grenddes, DM

This ordanance is considered necessary for the protection of government funds and property.

Yours very truly,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS
Director of the Mint.

R:W

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January 8, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of January 6th, please be advised that the Bureau of the Mint requires one copy of the Federal Register.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1937.

Mr. F. A. Birgfeld,
Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Dear Mr. Birgfeld:

Will you please forward the leave records of the following men, who were recently transferred to guard positions at the Fort Knox Depository, to this office: Edwin J. Buckner, Frederick W. Maerz, James H. Royal, Ira I. Finney, Theodore E. Johnson, Clarence L. Kernek and Charles J. Larkin.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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January 12, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

In reply to the communication from the Civil Service Commission dated December 12th, the following letter, dated January 7th, has been received from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, regarding political activity on the part of several emergency employees of that institution:

"Reference is made to your letter of December 16, 1936, regarding political activity on the part of certain employees of this institution.

"I have followed carefully the recommendations set forth by the United States Civil Service Commission in letter dated December 12, 1936, addressed to The Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury.

"Messrs. John Breen, Edward F. Devlin and Opie Donnan (paid from Emergency funds), have again been cautioned to refrain from political activity and have signed statements to the effect that they are no longer active.

"George F. Brady (paid from regular Mint funds, serving probitional period) has been cautioned that failure will result in separation from the service. Mr. Brady has signed a statement that he no longer is politically active.

"Joseph J. Coleman (paid from regular Mint funds, temporary appointment) has been severely reprimanded and warned that unless he discontinues political activity he will be dismissed from the service. Mr. Coleman has signed a statement that he is no longer politically active."

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1937.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1936, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$647,080,164
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - -	356,136,366
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	147,280,710
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,050,497,240

Very truly yours,

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 12th, requesting that a complete set of master dies and hubs for the Marine Corps collar and cap ornaments, including an enlarged sculptured model, be prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint with the request that this Department be advised immediately in regard to the cost of preparing the dies, hubs and model, and also an estimate of the time required to accomplish this work.

Very truly yours,

Stephen G. Gibbons

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 15, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 12th, inclosing a copy and translation of a note dated January 7, 1937, from the Minister of Panama, requesting an estimate of the cost of proposed new coinage of 2,000 Balboas in coins of one one-hundredth of a Balboa. The following estimate is submitted, covering the cost of coinage, the cost of changing the date on the die, the price of the metals and of the boxes in which the 200,000 copper coins will be packed and exported:

No. of pieces	Denomination	Cost per M
200,000	1 Centesimo 95% copper 5% tin and zinc	$3.00

Metals

1302.8571 lbs. copper at .1061 per lb.----	$138.23
54.8572 lbs. tin at .54875 per lb.------	30.10
13.7143 lbs. zinc at 7¢ per lb.---------	0.96
	$169.29

The cost of making the change of date on the die will be $25.00. The prices furnished include the cost of working dies. The cost of the shipping boxes is 75¢ each; a total of 13 shipping boxes will be required, or $9.75 total cost of the shipping boxes.

The cost of the metal is based upon the last prices paid by the Mint at Philadelphia for such metals, subject to market changes.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 19, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 12th, requesting the preparation of certain master dies and hubs for the Marine Corps collar and cap ornaments, including a large sculptured model to be made at the Mint and to be submitted to the Quartermaster, U. S. Marine Corps, Philadelphia, for approval before cutting of the hubs is undertaken.

Your letter was forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and we are now advised by that officer that the cost of preparing three complete sets of master dies and hubs, together with an enlarged sculptured model, will be $224.00.

It is understood from your letter of January 12th that payment for this work will be made by the Quartermaster, Headquarters Marine Corps, out of the appropriation "General Expenses, Marine Corps, 1937 - Authority No. 1326".

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 23, 1937.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department:

Revised apportionment is herewith submitted of the Mint Establishment portion of the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937.

The revision provides for the rental of the silver storage vault in New York at $37,500 per annum during the last half of the fiscal year, instead of at $75,000. It also contemplates use by the end of March of the full amount remaining available for field personnel, any amount required after that time to be considered in connection with a deficiency appropriation estimate to be submitted under the appropriation Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices.

Months	Field Personnel	Bureau Personnel	Other	Total
1936				
July	$ 75,000	$ 7,240	$ 9,250	$ 91,490
August	75,000	7,200	9,150	91,350
Sept.	120,000	7,200	8,750	135,950
Oct.	90,000	7,200	8,750	105,950
Nov.	80,000	7,100	8,750	95,850
Dec.	75,000	7,100	8,750	90,850
1937				
Jan.	146,000	6,260	3,200	155,460
Feb.	126,000	6,200	3,200	135,400
Mar.	110,300	6,200	3,200	119,700
Apr.	0	6,200	3,200	9,400
May	0	6,100	3,200	9,300
June	0	6,100	3,200	9,300
	897,300	80,100	72,600	1,050,000

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 25, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the temporary appointments of the following-named men, employed in the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, and paid from the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1936-37", be continued for 3 months from the dates noted below:

Name	Designation	Salary	From
Delvin, Sylvester F.	Spec. Writer	$200.00 pm	1/30/37
Eastman, Edward H.	" "	"	2/2/37
Hereth, Ralph F.	Mech. Draftsman	"	1/29/37
Troberg, George	" "	"	2/2/37

A certificate of approval from the District Manager in each case is attached.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

Director of the Mint.

R:H

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January 26, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 15th, relative to the coinage of three million ounces of silver, in accordance with the sample coins for dollar and half dollar which, it is stated, have the approval of the Chinese Government. It is understood that it is the desire of the Chinese Government to have 1,500,000 ounces of the three million ounces on hand at the Mint in San Francisco coined into dollar coins and 1,500,000 ounces coined into half dollar coins. The cost of preparing this coinage will be as follows:

Denomination	Diameter	Fine Ozs. Silver	Will Make	Weight	Pounds Avdp. Copper
Dollar	35 m/m	1,500,000	3,240,032 pcs.	20 grams ea.	40,000.5092
Half Dollar	27 m/m	1,500,000	6,480,064 pcs.	10 grams ea.	40,000.5092
	(Calculation based on 1 gram equals 15.432 grains)				80,001.0184

Cost per M pieces - Dollar, $9.00; Half Dollar, $7.00. Fineness of coins .720.

The cost of the shipping boxes will be seventy-five cents each.

The dies required for coinage, based on a previous coinage of a similar size and fineness of silver are Dollar, 65 pairs of working dies; Half Dollar, 130 pairs of working dies. The manufacturing costs quoted above include working dies.

The hubs are dated 25th year (1936). If a change in date is desired, the Engraver of the Mint should be furnished with a drawing for the character 6. If the date is changed, there will be an extra charge of $25.00 for each obverse master die and hub.

Better results are obtained from the use of boxes for shipping the finished coins. The Mint has been using them for a number of years and they have proved entirely satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

Wayne C. Taylor

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 1, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended January 31, 1937, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Tayloe Ross

Director of the Mint.

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Honorable Dow W. Harter,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Harter:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of January 25, 1937, relative to the issue of a two-cent coin.

In recent years several bills have been introduced providing for the issue of a new coin, but they have failed of enactment. Our present range and combination of silver and minor coins is easily understood, the people are familiar with the types and denominations, and such current denominations appear to adequately serve as exchange mediums.

The measurements of the new coin would necessarily be at variance with all coin vending machines; its issue would cause substantial loss to a large number of companies constructing or using slot machines. Not only vending machines, but containers used by banks and merchants would require alteration, all existing bookkeeping forms would be affected by a coin of a new denomination and dimensions, and there would undoubtedly be vigorous protest against such legislation.

As there is no evidence before this Department of a general demand for coin of another denomination than those now current, the issue of a two-cent piece would appear to be inadvisable.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 30, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval photographs of models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Swedes in Delaware, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of May 15, 1936.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 4, 1937.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937, for the period January 1 to 31, 1937, were $97,688, all for personnel.

H-S

N. N. Oliver

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. William H. Brennan, Assistant Captain of the Watch, at $1,740 per annum, in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be retired from the service on account of disability.

Attached is an application signed by Mr. Brennan. Also attached are statements from Mr. Brennan's physician and his immediate superior regarding his disability.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

MDM

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February 4, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the communication from the Civil Service Commission (File SRR:HWD:LAK R-80521), regarding the service of Harry Lensky, a watchman formerly employed at the New York Assay Office.

You are advised that the records of this office do not indicate that Mr. Lensky was paid on the regular roll of the New York Assay Office after July 1, 1910, and there is no record of a date of separation except the date that he was furloughed. It is therefore requested that July 1, 1910, be considered as the date of his absolute separation from the Mint service.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

MHH

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February 5, 1937.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Final revision of the estimated stock of coin in the United States as of December 31, 1936 follows:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,079,989
Subsidiary - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	356,136,556
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	147,281,270
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,050,497,815

Very truly yours,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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February 5, 1937.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1937, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,079,989
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	356,052,321
Minor -	148,260,982
Total -	1,051,393,292

Very truly yours,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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February 3, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 30th, inclosing a translation of a note dated January 25, 1937, from the Minister of Honduras, requesting that certain coinage be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia. The following is submitted covering the amount of metals required and the cost of executing this coinage:

No. of pieces	Denomination	Fine Ozs. Silver	Cost per M
2,000,000	Un Lempira	723,375.00	$7.50
1,000,000	50 Centavos	180,843.75	6.50
		904,218.75	

The above cost includes working dies and copper for alloy. The shipping boxes will be extra, $0.75 each. The cost of making the change of date on the master die of each denomination will be $25.00.

Upon advice from you that these terms are satisfactory to the Government of Honduras, I will take pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to proceed with the execution of this coinage without delay.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 8, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Charles L. Tedford, Chief Clerk, at $2,300 per annum, in the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, be retired from the service on account of age.

Mr. Tedford reached the age of 70 on January 22nd, 1937, and has had more than 36 years' service, making retirement compulsory at the close of January, 1937.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit under separate cover a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that they be transmitted to representatives of the United States accredited to the foreign Governments indicated on the face of the interrogatories. Copies of comparative tables, compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years, are also being forwarded with the current interrogatories, with the suggestion that they be distributed by United States representatives where they may stimulate interest in answers which will provide information for making future similar tables as complete as possible.

The information elicited by these interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who for many years has collected and published statistics relating to the subjects specified.

With a view to increasing the usefulness of the interrogatories it is suggested that the Department of State, in its letter of conveyal include the following specific comments:

1. Where actual statistics are not available, estimates or opinions of experts are very urgently desired. Any such figures included in the report should, of course, be clearly designated as estimated.

2. Where not even estimates or authoritative opinions can be obtained a definite statement to this effect is desired.

3. In view of the importance of the information to the Treasury and to the public, it is desired that in filling out the questionnaire the greatest care be exercised and every effort made to make the information as complete as possible.

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It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the representatives to whom these inquiries are addressed: Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureaus; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and technical experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that inquiries have, at times, been dropped because the information could not be obtained from one source, when it might have been obtained from other sources.

It will greatly facilitate the compiling of statistics if the United States representatives follow up their inquiries, thus contributing to expedite matters, and forward answers directly to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U.S.A., so as to reach Washington by October first. Data received after that date are too late for publication during the current year.

The co-operation of the State Department and its representatives abroad will be highly appreciated by the Director of the Mint.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 11, 1937.

Memorandum for the Chief Clerk.

Responding to your memorandum of February 8th, relative to the desire of this Bureau to participate in the Texas Centennial Exposition, the only material this Bureau would have to offer for such an Exposition would be medals, the cases for which are now in this Department. The medals are at the Mint in Philadelphia. They would require six (6) cases.

May I refer to a chart understood to be in your office, indicating tentatively the position proposed for the six (6) cases. This chart indicates the space that would be required.

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1937.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1937, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,079,989
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - -	356,054,810
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	148,261,180
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,051,395,979

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1937.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department:

Complying with your request of February 10, 1937, you are advised that the Mint Bureau has in use in the Treasury Building five motor-driven labor-saving office machines, three of which are equipped with DC and AC Universal motors and two with DC motors.

In the Mint Bureau laboratory there are six non-office motor-driven machines, all of which are equipped with DC motors.

Acting Director of the Mint

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February 12, 1937.

Brigadier General Daniel Van Voorhies,
Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Dear General:

My attention has been directed to the very substantial assistance you have extended to the staff connected with the Gold Bullion Depository at Fort Knox during the time the highways in the vicinity of the Depository were practically impassable.

I have been told that you provided food for our men who were obliged to remain day and night at the Depository; that your officers and men, by using tarpaulins and sand bags, protected from serious damage the newly constructed road connecting the Depository with the main highway; that you admitted to the Post hospital one of the Depository guards who, at the time of his admission to the Post hospital was in extremis, but that everything possible was done for him before he died.

It is realized that you extended help to this Treasury staff at a time when the officers and men under your command and all facilities of your post were overtaxed to the utmost to combat flood conditions over a wide area.

It gives me much satisfaction to express to you my very sincere appreciation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 16, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

In connection with the letter received from the U. S. Civil Service Commission regarding the action taken on its letter of December 11th, 1936, relative to the date of birth of Jesse Reynolds, recommended for reinstatement to the position of unskilled laborer in the Denver Mint, the enclosed letters received from the Superintendent of the Denver Mint are submitted for forwarding to the Commission. As soon as additional information is received from the Superintendent, it will also be forwarded.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

R:M

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TRANSMITTAL SPECIAL ASSAY COINS
MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

February 17, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

It is requested that the Navy Department be asked to check the personnel record of Mr. Samuel B. Frantz who was employed at the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Virginia, as a Special Laborer from August 1, 1902 to March 16, 1904. The retirement record card which was furnished this office on July 11, 1935, indicates that there were several breaks in his service while he was employed at the Norfolk Navy Yard. Mr. Frantz states that his employment there was continuous and believes that payrolls will substantiate his statement. If this is correct, it is requested that a new abstract of official record be furnished this office.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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February 16, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 15th, with reference to our letter of February 3, 1937, giving the cost of executing certain coinage for the Government of Honduras, and inclosing a copy of a note dated February 10, 1937, from the Minister of Honduras, stating that the prices indicated are acceptable to his Government.

The Director of the Mint has today been instructed to have the Philadelphia Mint proceed with the execution of this coinage as early as practicable. The silver required for this coinage is already at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 18, 1937.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

(Attention Bookkeeping and Warrants Division)

Sir:

In reply to circular letter (B. & W. #208) I have to advise that examination of Mint Bureau records of 1894 and less remote dates fails to disclose any record of authorization given for administratively examining and approving accounts of the Mint Establishment, under section 12 of the Act of July 31, 1894.

However, that function has been exercised by the Director of the Mint or Acting Director for the entire period within the memory of the present employees of the Mint Bureau - at least 25 years.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

F:d

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February 19, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the title of Mr. Eugene R. Lynch, now employed as Chief Clerk at $4,800 per annum, in the United States Assay Office at New York, be changed to Chief Clerk and Assistant Superintendent with no change in salary, effective date of oath.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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February 20, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval photographs of models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding and settlement of the City of New Rochelle, New York, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of May 5, 1936.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 24, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants).

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter is for the purpose of advising that Mr. Russell J. Van Horne's position as Assistant Chief Clerk at the Mint in San Francisco terminated at that Mint on July 20, 1936. On July 21, 1936, he was appointed Chief Clerk in Charge of the U. S. Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is not now in the status of a disbursing officer.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

Herewith please find three signature cards for R. J. Van Horne, the officer authorized to certify vouchers for payment for the Fort Knox Bullion Depository. It is requested that these cards be supplied to the Chief Disbursing Office, which has advised the Mint Bureau by telephone that they have not previously been supplied with such signature cards.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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March 1, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

It is with regret, I have to report the death, on February 25th, 1937, of Alexander Coker, Unskilled Laborer, in the United States Assay Office, New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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March 1, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of the Bureau for the month ended February 28, 1937, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247,

I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1937.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 28, 1937, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,079,989
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	356,405,805
Minor -	148,838,746
Total -	1,052,324,540

Very truly yours,

Nellie Taylor Ross

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to the proposed coinage to be executed for the Chinese Government at the Mint in San Francisco. The dies have been tested at the Mint in Philadelphia and have been found to be in satisfactory condition. The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco is being instructed to make preliminary preparations for this coinage.

Will you please advise this Department of the tolerance to be allowed on the weight and fineness of these coins. In the case of United States coins, which are .900 fine, the tolerance in fineness is three-thousandths above or below the .900 standard. The tolerance in weight in United States subsidiary silver is one and one-half grains above or below the standard.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 3, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the communication from the United States Civil Service Commission dated February 11th, (File SRR:EWB:GKM), in regard to the case of Mr. Joseph J. Swicker, an employee of the Bureau of the Mint who was promoted on January 16, 1935, to the position of Clerk-Stenographer, CAF-4, at $1,800 per annum, due to reallocation.

Since the investigator from the Civil Service Commission visited Mr. Swicker, he has had a reassignment of work which definitely places him in a clerical status. A request has been made to the Personnel Classification Board to reconsider his case. Immediately upon its report, Mr. Swicker will be assigned to a position in keeping with his status.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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March 4, 1937.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937, for the month of February, 1937, were $85,589, all for personnel.

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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March 8, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 5th, transmitting, in translation, a copy of a note dated March 2, 1937, from the Costa Rican Minister, with reference to the desire of his Government to obtain the dies, now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, of 10 and 5 centimo coins used for the minting of coins for the Costa Rican Government by the Philadelphia Mint in 1929.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to cause these dies to be sent to the Costa Rican Minister at the Costa Rican Legation in Washington.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 9, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the Civil Service Commission be requested to reexamine Mr. Willard S. Boyce, who has been recommended for promotion to the position of Assistant Cashier in the Philadelphia Mint, inasmuch as he did not attain a passing average in the examination recently held for him. It is further recommended that he be reexamined sometime in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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March 11, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to recent correspondence connected with the coinage of the Chinese coins now on storage at the Mint in San Francisco, understood to contain three million fine ounces, which silver is to be coined into Chinese dollars and half dollars.

Due to an unexpected delay of several months in the occupancy of the new building at San Francisco, it is suggested that this coinage be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia where the work can be undertaken as soon as the Chinese coin now held in San Francisco can be melted and the exact silver and copper content of this particular lot of coins determined. The equivalent in fine silver at Philadelphia will be used.

It is proposed to undertake the coinage of the half dollars first. It is expected that the number of pieces to be produced from one-half of the amount of the fine silver contained in the Chinese coins now in San Francisco will produce 6,420,054 half dollars .720 fine.

In addition to the charges for the coinage, which are at the rate of $7 per thousand pieces for the half dollars and $9 per thousand pieces for the dollar denomination, it will be necessary to charge $1 per thousand fine ounces for melting the coins.

The amount of copper contained in the coinage will be credited to the account of the Chinese Government. As soon as the San Francisco Mint completes the melting of the coins and reports to this Office the quantity of silver and copper the Chinese Embassy will be advised as to the amount of copper required by the Mint at Philadelphia, where the actual coinage will be executed.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 12, 1937.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The final estimate of the stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 28, 1937, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,079,989
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - -	356,487,252
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	148,838,738
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,052,405,979

Very truly yours,

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the communication from the United States Civil Service Commission dated March 12th, (File SRR:DSD:BH), stating that Form 2806 furnished by the Norfolk Navy Yard for Mr. Samuel B. Frantz, an employee of the Bureau of the Mint, gives all information available.

Mr. Frantz states that his Norfolk Navy Yard assignment was as a clerk to the Board of Inspection, the expense of which was apportioned among the various yard departments. The indicated separations and reemployments are all as of month ends and beginnings, doubtless apportionments between different departments and different payrolls. The employment was actually continuous, without break, and without loss of time. It is respectfully requested that a further attempt be made to locate a record showing continuous employment for Mr. Frantz. If this is impossible, it is requested that the Norfolk Navy Yard ask the General Accounting Office to search the payroll records which are on file there.

Very truly yours,

N. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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March 18, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the salary of Mr. Seth Horne, Senior Clerk, CAF-5, Office of the Director of the Mint, be increased, effective April 1, 1937, from $2,000 per annum to $2,300 per annum, payable from the appropriation, "Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937", for such period of time as his services may be required on such work, and funds are available therefor, but not to extend beyond June 30, 1937.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request of February 20, 1937, reference WE 811.515/1201, transmitting questionnaire forms relative to the coinage and currency of the United States, for the supplying of information desired by the Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint of Great Britain, I have the honor to return herewith such questionnaire forms with the requested data.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Enclosures.

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March 24, 1937.

Mr. F. A. Birgfeld,
Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Attention: Miss Coleman.

Dear Sir:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, Mrs. Katherine Hughes Roller, File Clerk at $1,440 per annum, in the Gold Unit of the Office of the Director of the Mint, who has been discharged effective at the close of business March 31, 1937, is not in any manner indebted to the United States; that all transportation requests and Government property for which she has been responsible have been returned or properly accounted for, including any breakage charged; there are no outstanding General Accounting Office disallowances or exceptions in disbursing officer's accounts covering any prior payment to her.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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March 25, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the recommendation for the continuance of the temporary appointment of Mr. Carroll H. Badger, Unskilled Laborer at $4.00 per diem, in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for a period of ninety days beginning March 11, 1937, be cancelled, for the reason that Mr. Badger was made a probational appointee on January 16, 1937.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R:M

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March 26, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. William H. Fleck, Skilled Workman at $5.94 per diem, employed in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be retired from the service on account of disability.

Attached is an application signed by Mr. Fleck. Also attached are statements from Mr. Fleck's physician and his immediate superior regarding his disability.

Very truly yours,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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March 26, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

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Very truly yours,

R. M. O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint.

MDM

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March 25, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to submit for your approval photographs of models for the fifty-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of June 16, 1936.

The weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular current half-dollar piece.

It is understood that the insignia on the Confederate soldier's collar will be removed and that the stars will be removed from the United States shield to make it conform to the Great Seal. With these alterations the designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 27, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

The following letter has been received from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in reply to the communication from the Civil Service Commission dated March 18, 1937, (File SRR:JWF:AO), regarding the duties of Miss Dorothy R. Kaufman, an employee of that institution:

"The information received by the Civil Service Commission with reference to Miss Dorothy R. Kaufman, Asst. Forewoman of the Sewing Room in this Mint, referred to in your letter of March 24, 1937, is erroneous.

During the absence, due to illness, of Mrs. Gorman, the Forewoman, Miss Kaufman has had complete charge of the Sewing Room. She has been doing all the laying out and cutting of materials, assigning the work, etc.

Miss Kaufman has performed no clerical duties other than those in connection with her immediate department, such as, keeping records of materials, finished articles sent to the Store Room, record of employees' time, etc."

Very truly yours,

P. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of the Bureau for the month ended March 31, 1937, is not in arrears.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1937.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.
(Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the recommendations of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, dated March 22, 1937, for the temporary appointments of Melters and Rollers at that institution, be cancelled, for the reason that the appointment of the men listed was approved by the District Civil Service Manager March 26, 1937, and by the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury March 29, 1937. Copies of the letters of recommendation are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

R.D.

Enclosures.

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April 3, 1937.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Mint field service obligations against the appropriation Expenses, Emergency Banking, Gold Reserve, and Silver Purchase Acts, 1937, for the period March 1 to 31, 1937, were $108,429, all for personnel.

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1937.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Commissioner of the Public Debt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1937, is given below:

Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$547,079,989
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - -	357,529,754
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	149,310,142
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,053,919,885

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

F:d.